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Dead woman found

ANTI-DENGUE DONATION
John Hirsh, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director, left, and Selmalyn Taitano, American Red Cross business operations coordinator, show off a sample of the mosquito nets that will be donated to the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society.
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An elderly woman was found dead in a home in Finasisu last Tuesday.

According to a Department of Public Safety statement yesterday, the woman's body was found in an advanced stage of decomposition, which means she had been dead for a while before being found.

The police believe the woman died of natural causes.

Due to the circumstances of the case, DPS is withholding the name, age, or ethnic back-

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Satellite photos appear to show Chinese APCs near HK

HONG KONG (AP)—Satellite photos show what appear to be armored personnel carriers and other vehicles belonging to the China's paramilitary People's Armed Police parked in a sports complex in the city of Shenzhen, in what some have interpreted as a threat from Beijing to use increased force against pro-democracy

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This satellite image captured on Monday, Aug. 12, 2019, provided by Satellite image ©2019 Maxar Technologies appears to show Chinese security force vehicles inside the Shenzen Bay Sports Center in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen, bordering Hong Kong.
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Kilili: New USCIS rule won't affect CNMI

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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The CNMI remains unaffected by a new U.S. Department of Homeland Security rule that might prevent legal immigrants from getting a green card or U.S. citizenship if they avail of "public resources," according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) yesterday.

According to Sablan, the new final rule, which was published Tuesday, affects only those who avail of Medicaid,

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Hotel proposed at Kammer Beach

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A Chinese investor is planning to build a $3-million, three-story, 138-room hotel along 8th Avenue and Kammer Beach in San Jose, Tinian.

The Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co. LLC is proposing

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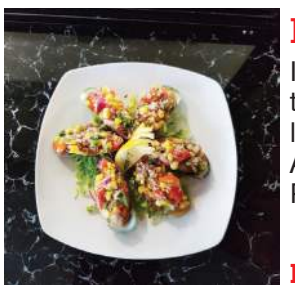

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‘IPI as casino licensee didn’t invest in American Sinopan’

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As exclusive Saipan casino licensee, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC didn’t invest a single penny on American Sinopan LLC, which is planning to build an integrated resort in Tanapag.

That’s according to Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero yesterday. *Saipan Tribune* sought to independently verify this with IPI’s legal team but there was no response as of press time last night.

In an interview last Tuesday, Deleon Guerrero said that IPI has not asked the commission to count the rooms that will be built by American Sinopan toward the 2,000-hotel rooms that IPI is required to build by the casino law.

“There seems to be a lot of rumors left and right,” Deleon Guerrero said.

He said that somebody or some individuals from IPI may have invested in American Sinopan, but not the casino licensee itself, IPI.

He said he raised the question during the commission’s recent meeting, if IPI has invested with American Sinopan, because the presentation about its planned Tanapag resort was held at the lobby of the Imperial Palace in Garapan.

This appears to contradict the statement of IPI chair and chief executive officer Mark A. Brown, who told *Saipan Tribune* during the groundbreaking on American Sinopan’s resort last July 20 that IPI invested in American Sinopan because IPI has been waiting too long for the Marpi land, and they have been finding it difficult to secure the property.

It was earlier reported that IPI acquired a 50% stake in American Sinopan.

Deleon Guerrero said that, from what he has gathered, he has been told that IPI has not invested a single penny in the Tanapag project, according to IPI’s chief financial officer.

At the same time, at the last CCC meeting, Deleon Guerrero sasked IPI’s human resources representatives if IPI employees are involved with the American Sinopan’s project and that they replied “no.”

He got the same response when he asked IPI’s construction manager Eric Poon if IPI staff or any employees are working on the Tanapag project.

IPI’s chief financial officer also said, “No,” when he asked if IPI is involved with the Tanapag project, that they have not invested a single penny in that project.

Deleon Guerrero said he even asked the Commonwealth Lottery Commission for clarification that IPI acquired a stake in American Sinopan and was told “no.”

What may have happened is that somebody from IPI may have invested in the project but not IPI itself, he said.

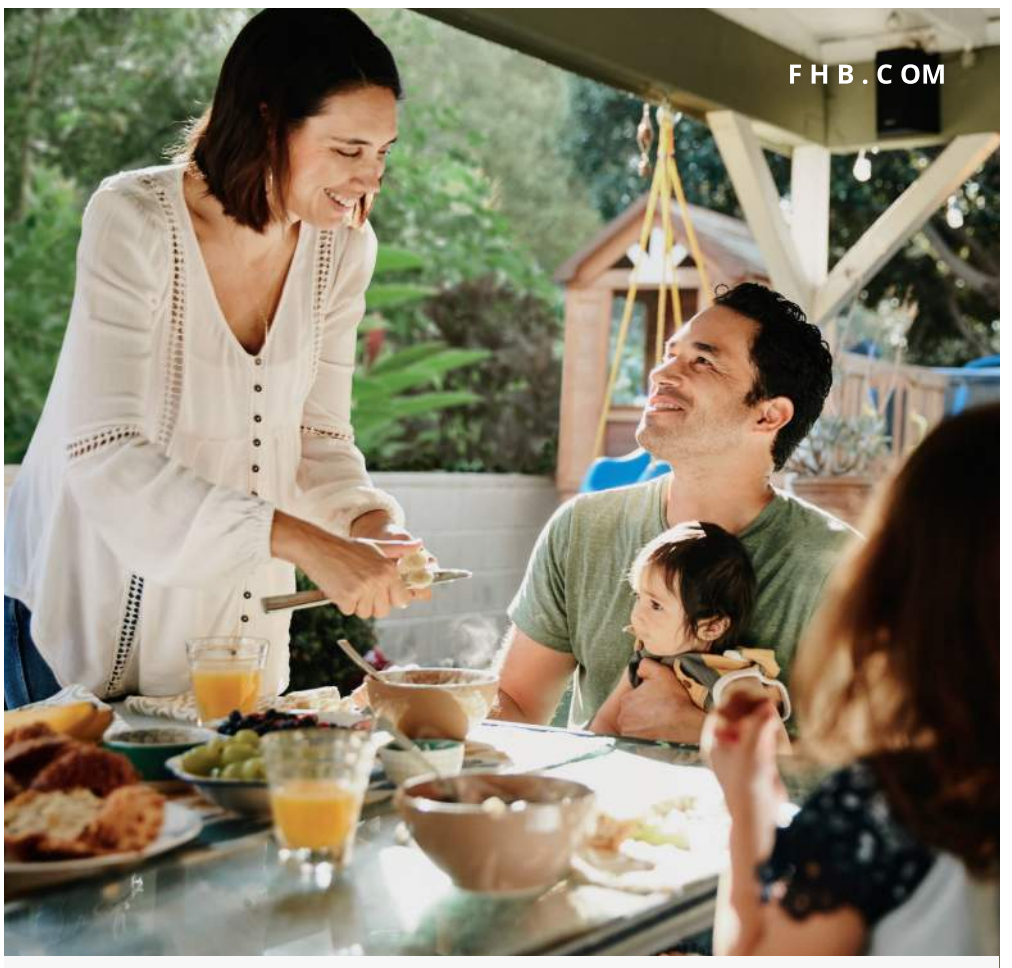
He said IPI has not invested a single penny in the Tanapag project based on the response of IPI’s chief financial officer. “Construction people at IPI have no participation whatsoever,” he added.

Deleon Guerrero said the Commonwealth Lottery Commission stated that they have not been asked to count any of the rooms to be built in Tanapag toward the 2,000-hotel rooms required of IPI.

“It’s all rumors. I don’t know who started it but it seems to be like wildfire,” he said.

Deleon Guerrero said Phase 1 of the casino agreement has specific requirements and that some of those requirements are 4- to 5-star quality hotel guest rooms.

He said that, although he is not privy to the Tanapag project, his understanding is that it will be condominiums, which is not consistent with Public Law18-56 and the subsequent amendment, Public Law 19-24.



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Man nabbed for eluding police officer

An officer of the Department of Public Safety arrested a man last Aug. 12, 2019, at about 11:54am, for allegedly eluding a police officer.

During a routine patrol, an officer was driving south along Beach Road in Chalan Laulau. The officer merged onto the inner lane after driving through the Quartermaster intersection, before the officer noticed a pink Hummer on the outer lane driving in the same direction. As the Hummer continued traveling beside the officer’s cruiser, the Hummer made a sudden merge into the inner lane, forcing the officer to swerve left and into the oncoming lane.

The Hummer continued to merge until the vehicle was completely on the inner lane. The officer then activated his cruiser’s blue lights and sirens, and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The Hummer then merged went back to the outer lane and continued driving south. The officer notified central dispatch of the description of the vehicle, and the direction they were headed.

After several attempts of requesting that the operator pull to the side of the road, the Hummer activated his right turn signal and pulled into the Oleai Beach Club restaurant. The officer got down his cruiser and asked the operator of the Hummer if he saw and heard the lights and sirens, which the operator acknowledged, and stated that he did not know of any traffic violations he broke. The officer then told the operator that he was nearly forced into oncoming traffic during the operators last maneuver to merge onto the inner lane.

At about 12:10pm, the officer placed the individual under arrest and requested for a separate unit to transport the suspect. The officer then cited the individual for failing to merge in a safe manner, and for eluding a police officer. ***(PR)***

9th Circuit grants Phan’s request to file late petition for panel rehearing

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has denied businessman David Trung Quoc Phan’s motion to halt the issuance of the mandate that affirmed his conviction.

A mandate refers to the official notice of the appellate court given to the lower court, in this case the District Court, advising it of the action of the appellate court.

The appellate court retains control over an appeal until it issues a mandate and the decision is not final until a mandate is issued.

Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas and judges Consuelo M. Callahan and Morgan Christen, however, granted Phan’s motion for permission to file a late petition for the Ninth Circuit’s panel rehearing.

Panel rehearing is heard before the court’s selected judges.

Last June, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the conviction of Phan over his role in a scheme to bring Bangladeshi men to Saipan on promises of jobs and green cards in exchange for cash.

Thomas, Callahan, and Christen ruled that the evidence presented a trial supported a permissible inference of fraudulent intent.

The judges also ruled that the misstatements and inconsistencies in some of the witnesses’ testimony provided a reason for the jury to find the witnesses not credible, but they did not compel the jury to reject the witnesses’ testimony.

In October 2017, a federal jury convicted Phan of two counts of mail fraud, three counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting, and one count of fraud and misuse of visas and permits.

In March 2018, U.S. District Court for the NMI designate judge John C. Coughenour slapped Phan with an eight-month prison sentence. Phan appealed his conviction and sentence to the Ninth Circuit.

In his appeal, Phan asked the Ninth Circuit to reverse his conviction, arguing through his lawyer that the evidence was insufficient to show fraudulent intent. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Woman who bit 3-year-old gets 5 years in prison

The woman who was arrested for beating and biting a 3-year-old girl last year was sentenced to five years imprisonment after pleading guilty to child abuse.

Vicenta Veronica Igisomar, 45, pleaded guilty to one count of child abuse or neglect and was sentenced to five years in prison—all suspended. She was given credit for 26 days.

Her full sentence will be imposed if any laws or probation rules are violated.

Igisomar was sentenced to five years' probation and was ordered to pay all court fees, probation fees, and restitution of over $2,200 to the victim.

Igisomar is also prohibited from living with a child below 18 for the duration of her probation, having unsupervised contact with children younger than 10 during her probation, and must comply with any recommended treatment by the Community Guidance Center.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Igisomar was the legal guardian of the 3-year-old girl that she bit and hit with a wooden backscratcher and glass cup back in 2018.

A physician at the Commonwealth Health Center reported that the right side of the girl's head had a puncture wound and that she had red and bruising underneath all her fingernails, and redness and bruising on both large toes.

The girl's mother was the one who called police on Igisomar after hearing a girl's scream and cry from Igisomar's home.

At Igisomar's house, the mother saw that her daughter was crying and bleeding on both her toes and that she had a cut on her head. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Mosquito nets donated to RMI

The American Red Cross has donated 500 mosquito nets to the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society.

These nets will be distributed to families on Ebeye to help stop the spread of dengue, a mosquito-borne viral infection.

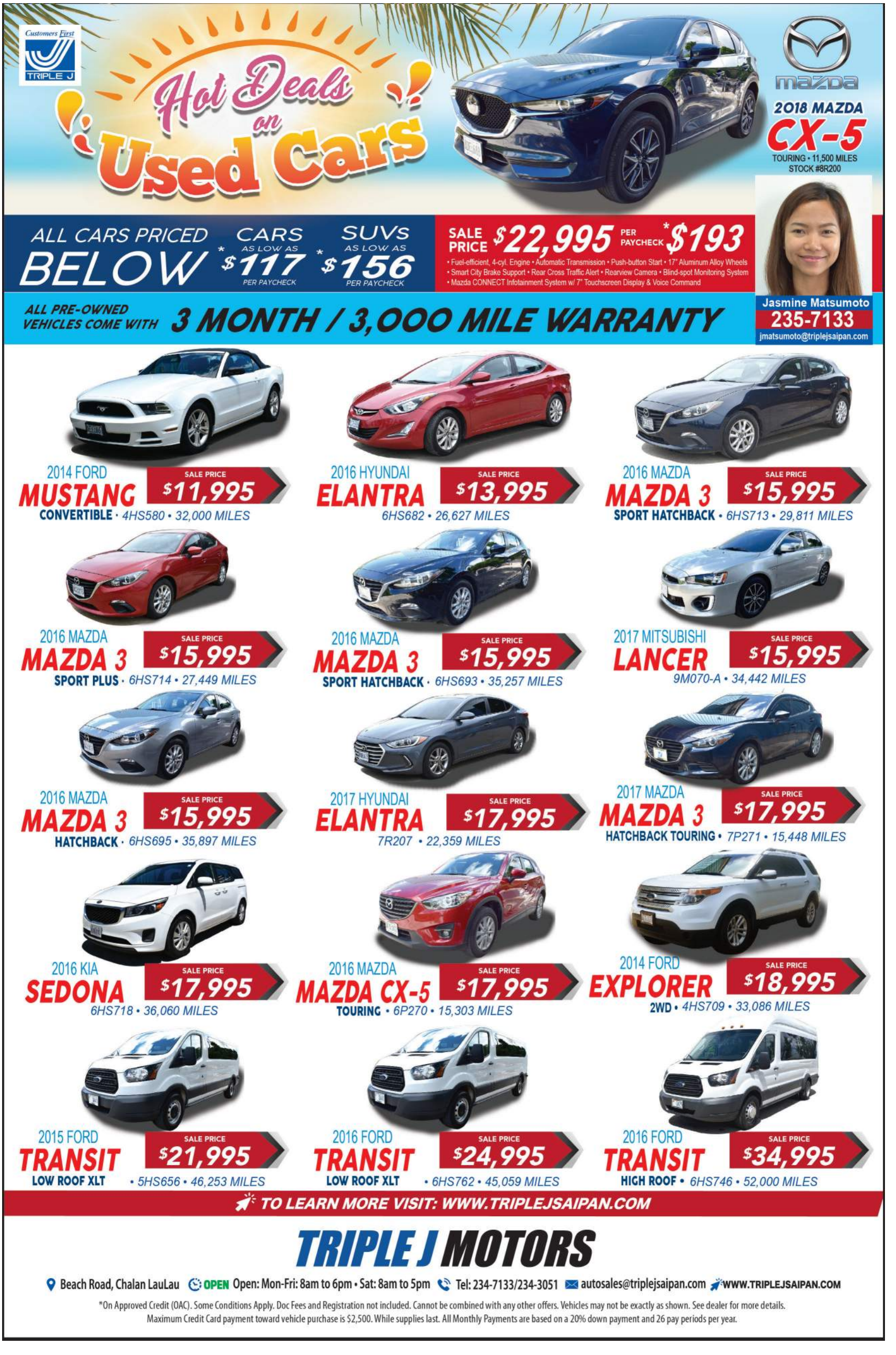
Working in collaboration with the MIRCS, the International Red Cross and other partners in the region, these nets will help families prevent infection and potentially save lives.

"The Red Cross in the CNMI is always willing to provide urgent assistance to our brothers and sisters in Micronesia," said John Hirsh, executive director of the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

United Airlines has provided a discount and is prioritizing shipping this critical humanitarian aid shipment.

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter credits this donation to "the generosity of donors here in the CNMI and around the region."

For more information about the Red Cross and how to volunteer, call 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/nmi. ***(PR)***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Torres optimistic of White House action vs birth tourism

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres remains optimistic that the White House will act against birth tourism, which he said tarnishes the image of the CNMI abroad.

Torres, who spoke with Fox News' Tucker Carlson, noted that he remains positive that the Trump White House will "listen" to his request to curb birth tourism through a change in the birthright citizenship clause, which is embedded in the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment.

"…We have never had an administration that really had the opportunity to come down to the CNMI and watch and listen to address our concerns," Torres said. "I believe in the leadership of the White House and we…have really good supporters from the [U.S.] House and the [U.S.] Senate. I believe this issue will be addressed and I hope it will be addressed soon."

"In the last couple of years…this type of tourism [is] just a fraction of our tourism industry but yet those actions hampered the ability… to what we want to portray the CNMI as," he told the media outlet during a segment.

"It has been more common and frequent the last few years and it has been an issue in the last couple of years," he earlier noted.

According to Torres, his administration brought up the concern to U.S. President Donald J. Trump.

Last July 17, 2019, the CNMI Legislature approved House Joint Resolution 21-4 in a bid to limit birth tourism in the CNMI.

"The resolution is saying we acknowledge the importance of our tourism—we welcome tourism because that is the backbone of the economy, but to have birth tourism…itself, we don't appreciate that because it has hurt our healthcare and that is the bottom line of our concern," Torres said, referring to HJR 21-4.

Torres further added that he believes it isn't fair to brand people who oppose birth tourism as racists.

"…We welcome them as tourists. But to come in for the sake of giving birth, that is something that we should really be concerned of, and we are concerned because…this is not the type of image that we wish to portray the Commonwealth," he said.

"We have one of the nicest beautiful beaches, a [temperature of] 85 degrees all year round. We are the most beautiful islands in the Marianas and this is what we want to market—our islands as a beautiful island to [visit]. It's peaceful, relaxing, [and has a lot of activities]," he added.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres speaks with Fox News' Tucker Carlson. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Scheduled power interruption on Friday

There will be a scheduled power interruption tomorrow, Aug. 16, 2019, from 2pm to 4pm.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely install a new air break switch on Capital Hill near the Department of Finance. This is part of the Super Typhoon Yutu restoration to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

Areas to be affected include Capital Hill (Governor's Office, Legislature building, Retirement Fund building, CNMI Office of the Homeland Security, 1300 Block, Miller Estate, Savanah Road (Wireless)). No water wells will be affected nor any wastewater lift stations.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. ***(PR)***

HOTEL

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to build and operate the Xingsha Hotel, which will have 112 parking spaces, a storage area, lobby and reception, snack bar, kitchen, and a dining area with 24 seats.

In a phone interview yesterday, He Guo Qiang, a representative of Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co. LLC, disclosed that the owner, Xingsheng Zhuang, decided to invest on Tinian due to the lack of hotel rooms on the island.

Zhuang first went to Tinian in 2014 or 2015 to look for business opportunities. He then leased a land on Tinian for a planned hotel, whose target guests are Chinese tourists.

Qiang said that Zhuang owns a hotel and a construction company in China.

Qiang said they are very happy with the support they got from many Tinian people during Tuesday's public hearing at the Tinian Elementary School's cafeteria.

The Division of Coastal Resources Management conducted the public hearing for Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co. LLC's coastal application for a major siting permit.

Qiang said the hotel project is good for Tinian's economy and will also benefit local workers.

In an interview last May, Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan underscored the need to have more hotel rooms on the island. Right now, Tinian only has 52 rooms for tourists.

Aldan said that people from off-island and tourists usually just spend the day on the island, despite wanting to stay overnight, enjoy the sunset, and have dinner at the beach.

SATELLITE

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protesters across the border in Hong Kong.

The pictures collected on Monday by Maxar's WorldView show 500 or more vehicles sitting on and around the soccer stadium at the Shenzhen Bay Sports Center just across the harbor from Asian financial hub that has been rocked by more than two months of near-daily street demonstrations.

Chinese state media have said only that the exercises had been planned before hand and were not directly related to the unrest in Hong Kong, although they came shortly after the central government in Beijing said the protests were beginning to show the "sprouts of terrorism."

President Donald Trump tweeted that U.S. intelligence believes that the Chinese government is moving troops to its border with Hong Kong and that, "Everyone should be calm and safe!"

Beijing has been apparently reluctant to send in police or army units from the mainland or to mobilize the People's Liberation Army garrison in Hong Kong to quell the unrest. It's seen as mindful of the devastating effect that would have both on the territory's reputation as a safe and stable place to invest in, and as indication of the Communist Party's failure to win over the hearts and minds of the city's 7.3 million residents, 22 years after the former British colony was handed over to China.

It would also be a shocking reminder of the PLA's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square 30 years ago, which remains a taboo subject in China but is memorialized with a massive rally and march each year in Hong Kong.

Yet, mainland China is believed to have already dispatched officers to fortify the ranks of the Hong Kong police, and may also have planted decoys among the protesters in order to encourage more violent acts that could eventually turn ordinary Hong Kongers against the protest movement.

Such a change in sentiments does not yet appear to have happened despite rising violence surrounding protests and the shutdown of the city's usually bustling international airport for two days after it was occupied by demonstrators.

KILILI

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and Public Housing programs.

"We are not covered," he said. "There is no one in the Northern Marianas who is not a citizen who gets these benefits."

Sablan further noted that the new regulation specifically applies to only these federal programs.

DHS published the final rule in the *Federal Register*, limiting the admissibility of aliens who apply for adjustment of status or admissibility if they availed of a financial assistance program.

Saipan Tribune obtained a copy of the newly-published 837-page rule yesterday.

The new rule changes how U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services interprets and implements the public charge as ground of inadmissibility, defining "public charge" as an individual who avails of federal financial assistance programs.

"The Immigration and Nationality Act [INA] renders inadmissible and therefore ineligible for a visa; ineligible for admission; and ineligible for adjustment of status, any alien who, in the opinion of the DHS…is likely to become a public charge," it stated in a statement.

The decision to determine the admissibility or inadmissibility of an applicant dependst not only on the immigrant's probability to become a public charge, the statement said.

"…The public charge statute provides that in making the inadmissibility determination, administering agencies must 'at a minimum consider the alien's age; health; family status; assets; resources; and financial status; and education and skills,'" it added.

DEAD

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ground of the deceased. However, an individual who knew the woman disclosed that she was of Filipino descent.

The DPS statement said that officers were dispatched to a home in Finasisu at about 6:26pm last Tuesday after DPS received a 911 call, reporting an unresponsive individual.

At the scene, officers met with the caller who stated that the elderly woman was not returning the individual's phone calls and not answering the door. When the individual opened the door, he or she noticed a strong odor throughout the home and called 911.

Inside the house, officers immediately noticed the body of an elderly female in the advanced stages of decomposition. Dispatch summoned crime scene technicians and detectives to the scene to further investigate and they later determined that the victim had a history of illnesses.

The body was then brought to the Commonwealth Health Center. Dr. Edvalson M. Tanuja pronounced the woman dead at 8:52pm, citing natural causes as the cause of death.

Based on *Saipan Tribune* archives, this is the sixth lifeless body found this year.

In the month of May, three lifeless bodies were reportedly found: two on Beach Road and one near Dandan Middle School.

Two other lifeless bodies were found in Kagman and Chalan Kanoa earlier this year.

DOL revives apprenticeship program

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CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente brought with her the concept behind the recently revitalized apprenticeship program at yesterday's monthly meeting of the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom.

In her presentation, Benavente said the CNMI DOL's Workforce Investment Agency was recently awarded a three-year State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant to develop and promote apprenticeships in the CNMI.

An apprenticeship is an industry-driven career pathway where employers can develop and prepare their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, mentorship, and a portable, nationally-recognized credential.

Benavente said that apprentices are considered paid employees, with WIA subsidizing up to 50% of an apprentice's wages on a reimbursement basis.

An internship and apprenticeship are two completely different programs, Benavente said. An apprenticeship program intends to have the employee on a long-term basis. "The apprenticeship program is for someone who wants to work long term and make them learn the baking, the mechanics, air conditioning, refrigeration, whatever it is to that skill that is driven by the industry," she said.

According to Benavente's presentation, the apprenticeship program is eligible for a total of $445,000 to be disbursed over three years.

The Northern Marianas Technical Institute and the Northern Marianas College will work with the training of the individuals and with business associations such as the Hotel Association of the NMI in order to keep the apprenticeship program running.

"The hotel industry is the perfect industry for this apprenticeship program, as they revolve around the certain jobs apprentices are hired for," Benavente said.

For more information about the Apprenticeship program, contact DOL WIA at (670) 664-1708.

CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente speaks to members of the Society for Human Resource Management CNMI yesterday during the group's monthly meeting. Benavente talked about the recently revitalized Apprenticeship Program.
MARC A. VENUS

SCS open house today

Saipan Community School is hosting its annual Open House and Parent Orientation Night today, Aug. 15, starting at 6pm. Parents and students are encouraged to attend as well as members of the community interested in learning more about the school.

The open house will include a brief introduction to SCS teachers, staff, and administration. Students and parents should meet in the church at 6pm for a general assembly before proceeding to individual classrooms. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to discuss goals for the school year, curriculum, and co-curricular activities.

Saipan Community School is a private Christian school that was established in 1976 as the first Protestant school on the island. SCS offers a U.S. curriculum taught in English.

If you are interested in learning more about Saipan Community School, contact principal Amanda Dunn via email at principal@saipancommunityschool.com, call 234-6687 or visit SCS on Beach Road in Susupe. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Vacation Bible School set

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship is hosting a Vacation Bible School on Aug. 19-23, Monday to Friday, from 5:30pm-8:30pm at Life in the Son Christian Fellowship Church, located at the Gualo Rai traffic light corner, across J's cafe, Middle Road.

The theme this year is "The Greatest Journey." It is open to children ages 5 to 12 years old.

There will be games, crafts, gift boxes, the Greatest Journey material and much more.

Registration is free (limited seating).

For more information, text or call 287-2236 or call only at 235-5433.

Parents/guardians can register their kids online:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lits-saipan-vbs-2019-the-greatest-journey-registration-67964133553. ***(PR)***

Scheduled water service outage tomorrow

There will be a scheduled water service interruption in Koblerville, San Antonio, Chalan Piao, Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, San Jose and Chalan Laulau Beach Road to Quartermaster Road tomorrow, Aug. 16, from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

This would allow water operations personnel of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to repair a damaged 18-inch water mainline break along As Perdido Road. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water service soon after.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. ***(PR)***

COTA closed today

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority advises the public that the Fixed-Route and Demand Response will be closed for professional development today, Aug. 15, 2019. For more information, contact (670) 664-2682. ***(PR)***

Survivors, caregivers support group meeting today

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support group meeting today, Aug. 15, 2019, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. Guest speaker is John Cole, director of the Crisis Counseling Program at the Commonwealth Health Care Corp..

To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

OVR closed on Aug. 15

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation office will be closed for professional development today, Aug. 15, 2019. For concerns or matters that require immediate attention, call (670) 287-6538. ***(PR)***

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 22, 2019
5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 06/13/2019 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments *(not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings:

1. Conditional Use Application #2019-2230: American Huasheng Trade Corporation is proposing to occupy an existing 2-storey single family dwelling with (6) six bedroom units to operate a bed & breakfast establishment. This use is classified as "Bed & Breakfast" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. 016 K 44 along Tasi Drive in DanDan. This area is zoned as Village Residential.

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3. Rezone Application #2019-2112: Francisco Paul B. Roberto is requesting to rezone Lots No. TR21863-13 & TR21863NEW-R1 in Dandan/Airport Road from "Village Commercial" to "Mixed Commercial" zoning district to operate an Auto Body Shop/Vehicle Repair, General.

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5. Rezone Application #2019-2458: Department of Public Works (DPW) – Solid Waste Division is requesting to rezone Lot No. 004 G 43 in Kagman from "Agricultural" to "Rural" zoning district for a construction of a new Kagman Residential Solid Waste Transfer Station.

6. Conditional Use Application #2019-2475: Crystal Ice & Water is proposing to occupy an existing structure to manufacture and process water and ice. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as Conditional Use. This project is located on Lot No. TR 22832-4 in San Antonio. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

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C. Communication

D. Old Business

E. New Business
1. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

Visitor arrivals dip 5% in July

Arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota reached 45,570 in July 2019 compared to 48,156 in July 2018—a 5% decrease, according to the Marianas Visitors Authority yesterday.

South Korea grew 1% over its July 2018 mark, with 23,643 visitor arrivals in July 2019. The incremental increase was carried by daily flights by Asiana Airlines and Jeju Air from Seoul and Busan, daily flights by T'way Air from Seoul, and four additional weekly flights launched by Jeju from July 27 to Aug. 31, 2019. Growth potential from the market looks favorable, as T'way Air will increase its air service starting Oct. 27, 2019, adding one more daily flight from Incheon to Saipan.

"We are pleased to see visitor arrivals returning in July to about the same level as last July, in large part due to the stabilization of arrivals from Korea," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "There are always factors influencing arrivals that are outside our control—international relations, national economies, natural disasters. At the same time, we continue to work within our available resources to conduct strategic and effective marketing that will maintain and grow our diverse source markets."

Arrivals from China were 15% off last year's mark at 18,356 visitors in July. The market continues to face a rising RMB-USD exchange rate as a result of U.S.-China tensions, which is also making tourists more hesitant to travel to U.S. destinations.

Japan posted 699 visitors for the month, 1% higher than July 2018. Meanwhile, Skymark Airlines has announced nine direct charter flights from Tokyo Narita International Airport to Saipan International Airport between Aug. 9 and Sept. 22, 2019.

Economic highlights

South Korea's Minimum Wage Commission has agreed to an increase of 2.9% to 8,590 won an hour for 2020. The single-digit hike, the smallest in a decade, was widely anticipated as President Moon Jae-in signaled a more flexible approach to his minimum wage pledge amid an economic slowdown and sluggish job growth. South Korea's consumer sentiment dropped to a five-month low in June. Data from the Bank of Korea released on June 25 showed the consumer sentiment index for the month stood at 97.5, down 0.4 point from the previous month. The figure remains below the benchmark 100, meaning pessimists outnumber optimists. The BOK attributed the worsening sentiment to the escalating trade conflict between the United States and China. The average USD/WON exchange rate in July was 1174.40 won, a slight decrease from the previous rate of 1177.34 won in June.

In June 2019, the consumer price index in China went up by 2.7 percent year on year both in cities and rural areas. The overall growth rate of China's outbound tourism market slowed in the first half of 2019, according to with Palm You, a Chinese travel big data platform. Affected by Sino-U.S. trade frictions and the controversies around U.S. sanctions against Huawei, Chinese visitor arrivals to the United States have declined by 3.07 percent.

The number of Japanese overseas travelers in June 2019 was up 7.0 percent year on year to 1,521,000. The total for the first six months of 2019 reached record-high 9,542,400 8.6 percent more travelers than a year ago. ***(PR)***

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Preps on track for Opportunity Expo

By MARC A. VENUS
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REPORTER

Preparations at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center for this Saturday's first Opportunity Expo are ongoing and on track. The event is hosted by Precinct 2 Reps. Christina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan).

Tina Sablan said that there are 32 organizations from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors that are confirmed as of yesterday. "We expect the number [of participating organizations] to go up between now and Friday," she said.

The participating organizations are currently hiring, as well as public and private institutions offering education and training, assistance for small businesses and entrepreneurs, resources for people with disabilities, and programs for health, wellness, and addiction recovery.

The goal is to connect the organizations with the residents who are looking for opportunities to better themselves, improve their lives and the lives of their families.

"We are grateful to all the participating businesses, educational institutions, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations that have signed up to showcase the wide array of opportunities they have to offer," Tina Sablan said.

That includes the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Hotel Association of the NMI, the Society for Human Resource Management, the CNMI Small Business Development Center, Department of Labor, Department of Commerce, and the Office of Personnel Management.

Jobseekers are encouraged to bring copies of their résumés, as employers will be accepting applications and conducting on-site interviews.

Group plans protest demo tomorrow

By MARC A. VENUS
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REPORTER

A group is planning to host an assembly tomorrow at 4pm at the Garapan Fishing Base to stage a protest against the Torres administration.

The group, called the NMI Citizens for Change, is spearheaded by Nola Hix and, according to her Facebook page, this assembly is meant to "come to the realization that the only way things are going to get better…is to rise up and take action."

The group's motto is #RiseUPCNMI. The group describes itself as a "grassroots organization giving a voice and platform to citizens who envision a better CNMI for all, that is beneficial to its people and not just a select few."

Hix's social media post accuses the Torres administration of abuse of power, misuse of taxpayer dollars, appointment of unqualified people to critical positions, salary increases, and the creation of unnecessary commissions, offices, and positions.

The post claims that the reasoning behind the current government austerity measures in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu is merely an "excuse."

"This administration has taken advantage of our people in their most vulnerable times," the post adds.

Saipan Tribune has contacted Hix about the assembly and is currently waiting for a response as of publication.

The group is currently accepting registrations and will award the first 50 registrants with a free T-shirt. Blank sign boards and other materials will also be available for participants.

It was not immediately known if Hix's call to action in related to her being president of the NMI Democratic Party. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is from the NMI Republican Party.

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Club C goes plastic-free

Club C is no longer just about responsible gaming. Now it is also about being environmentally responsible.

Believing that long-term sustainability dictates being plastic-free and eco-friendly, Club C Gaming & Entertainment will be using biodegradable straws, cups, take-out boxes, and paper bags starting today, Aug. 15.

According to Club C Food & Beverage manager Anita Go, "We live on an island surrounded by water and this is our home. …The responsibility to protect the environment like the reefs, marine life, and the ocean rests upon us."

"From today onwards, our take-out boxes will no longer be made out of Styrofoam and plastic. …We don't want to keep hurting the environment and promoting something that should not be done…," she added.

Go said the Club C management and staff are aware of the harmful effects of using plastics, especially when they end up in the ocean. "It breaks my heart to see garbage on the beach left behind by people [who] don't care about the environment. …I have a diver friend and one time he picked up a shrunken Styrofoam cup underwater. These things don't melt and what happens when the fish eat them and we end up eating that fish?"

She pointed out that many establishments on Saipan are going eco-friendly and, since Club C is a part of the CNMI community, "we felt that we should also do our part. We are the first gaming venue on Saipan that went green."

According to data, there are now over 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in the ocean, with the number continuing to grow every day. Plastic pollution is suffocating the ocean and the marine and non-marine animals that call it home.

Club C gets its biodegradable straws, cups, take-out boxes, and paper bags from Guam. "It is a bit expensive but for the cause that we want to [support], it is worth it and, in the long run, they're less expensive."

Go said that Club C's second goal is to create awareness and for people to get used to the practice. "We hope to ingrain in the community the practice of taking care of the environment," she said. "We also see no problem if customers decide to bring their own [food] containers."

Club C is also a smoke-free facility. ***(Bea Cabrera)***

From left: Club C accounting manager Evelyn Almine, HR manager Maggie Mendiola, Food & Beverage manager Anita Go, and IT Supervisor Shane Pascual. "Both management and staff support Club C going eco-friendly," Go said. BEA CABRERA

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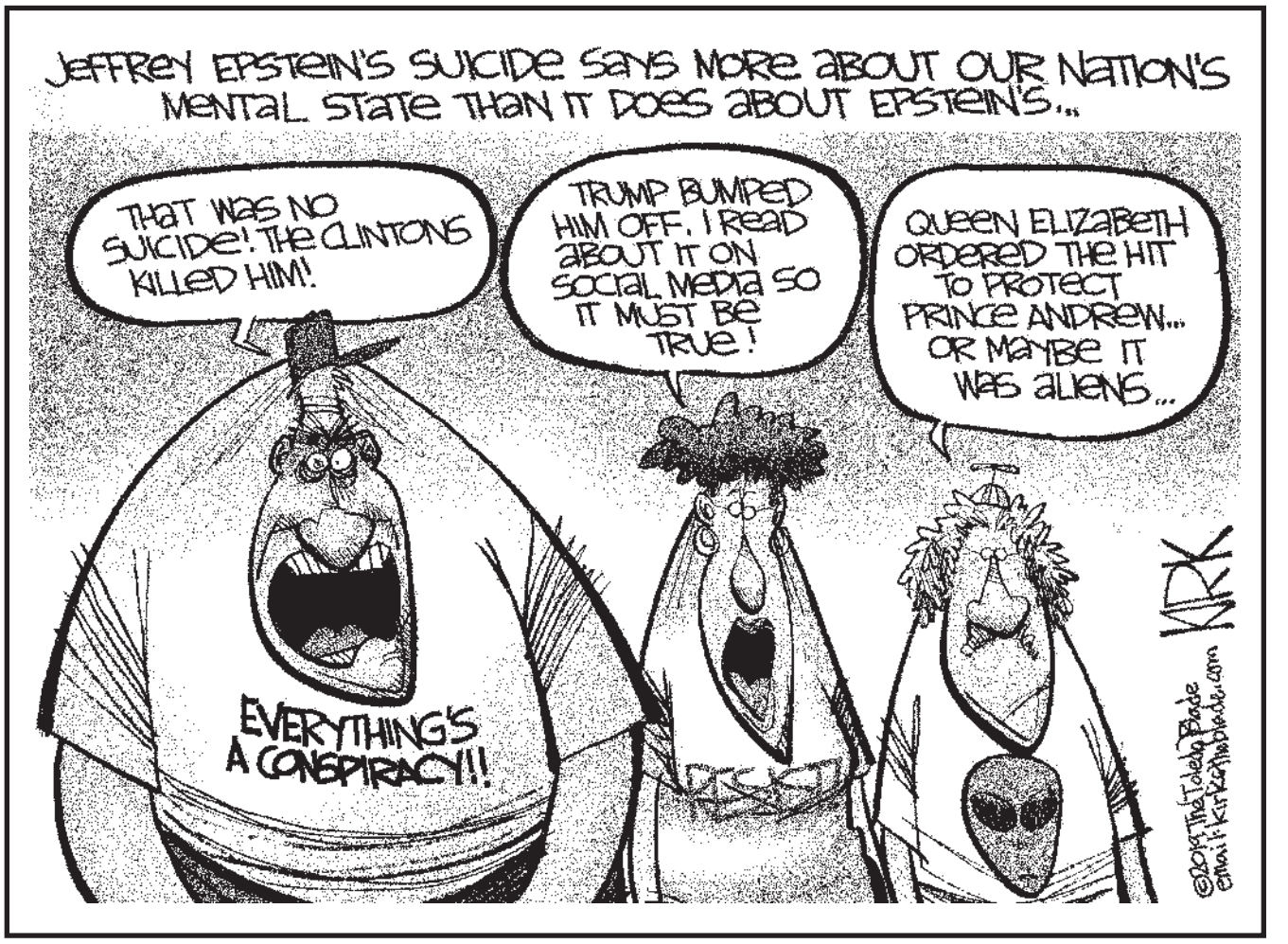
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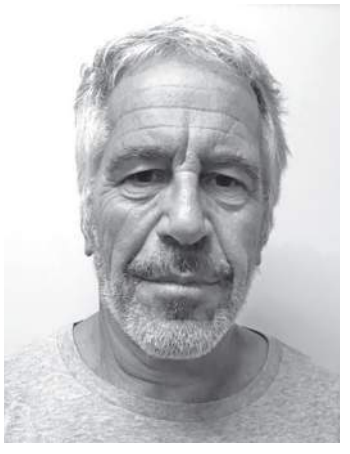
EDITORIAL

Justice for Jeffrey Epstein's accusers

The death of convicted sex offender and wealthy financier Jeffrey Epstein in a Manhattan jail cell Saturday provided yet another shock in a grotesque, appalling story that still has many unanswered questions. Epstein was found unresponsive, and authorities say he somehow managed to kill himself—despite having previously been under suicide watch.

Because of his many connections to the rich and famous, the news spawned a flurry of wild conspiracy theories: that he was killed to protect Donald Trump, that he was killed to protect Bill Clinton, and that he faked his death to escape justice. None was remotely believable. But Trump himself fed the speculation when he retweeted a post accusing Clinton of complicity, a gambit astonishing even for a president who routinely tells bald-faced lies.



The circumstances of Epstein's death are under investigation by the FBI and the Justice Department's inspector general, and Attorney General William Barr cited "serious irregularities" at the Metropolitan Correctional Center. Epstein was supposed to have a cellmate and guards were supposed to check on him every half-hour, but those conditions reportedly were not met.

Epstein, 66, had obvious motives to end his life, having been indicted last month on federal sex trafficking charges that could have sent him to prison for 45 years. Prosecutors said he had recruited and paid dozens of girls, including middle schoolers, for sex acts at his homes in Manhattan and Palm Beach, Florida.

He pleaded guilty in 2008 to two felony sex offenses, including one involving a 14-year-old girl—but his 13-month jail term was so mild that the federal prosecutor who negotiated it, Alexander Acosta, was forced out as labor secretary amid the outrage that erupted when the new indictment came down.

The questions about Epstein's treatment and his death, however, should not be allowed to shift the focus from where it should be: on the many women who say he lured them, tricked them and coerced them into providing him with massages and sex. An investigation by the Miami Herald "identified about 80 women who say they were molested or otherwise sexually abused by Epstein from 2001 to 2006."

Documents unsealed by a federal appeals court last week in a lawsuit revealed more details. A Florida police detective interviewed some 30 girls who were recruited to give massages and said some wept as they told their stories. Epstein's former butler said he was told to send roses to one of the girls when she appeared in her high school play. One alleged vic-

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Our new age of conspiracy theories

By JONAH GOLDBERG
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Anyone who's watched a courtroom TV drama has heard the phrase "Hard cases make bad law." It's a legal maxim that says really extreme—i.e., rare or weird—cases are not only hard to generalize from, they're also a bad foundation for new legislation or policy.

This also happens to be a good rule of thumb in life. Imagine if you judged all people of a certain race, sex or occupation based upon the strangest anecdote you have about someone who fits a particular category. Not every male in the Sunshine State is like "Florida Man."

Which brings us to another Florida Man, Jeffrey Epstein, the admitted sex offender and high-society billionaire who apparently committed suicide in federal detention over the weekend, despite having earlier been on suicide watch. A former friend and party bro of Bill Clinton and Donald Trump alike—and more recently the highest-profile federal prisoner in America—Epstein blurred the lines between a character in "Eyes Wide Shut" (Stanley Kubrick's awful movie about a one-percenter sex cult that runs the world) and a James Bond villain who wanted to "seed" humanity with his DNA.

Epstein used his money and connections to get a sweetheart deal in Florida to evade serious punishment for soliciting prostitution from underage girls. A decade later, after the nature of the deal was exposed, a federal prosecutor in New York decided to prosecute him there.

By definition, this is a hard case to generalize from. Most rich people don't live this way, never mind die this way.

In response to the news of Epstein's death, conspiracy theories exploded across social media on Saturday. The hashtags "TrumpBodyCount" and "ClintonBodyCount" trended nationally, the former in no small part because President Trump himself retweeted the Clinton body count hashtag.

And while it was deeply irresponsible of the president to do that (and for Republicans to defend it), it's hard to blame everyone else because, damn, this is a weird story. Even Attorney General William Barr was flabbergasted by the news. "Mr. Epstein's death raises serious questions that must be answered," Barr said in a statement announcing an investigation.

Barr made the right call, but this story could not come at a worse time.

America has always had a bipartisan taste for conspiracy theories, because humans are wired to selectively connect dots that fit a preconceived narrative. Every society has its own pet notions of secret cabals and mysterious plots. If anything, the United States is less prone to such things because conspiracy theories thrive in undemocratic cultures where rulers are unaccountable and probably are scheming behind the scenes. The rule of law, elections and a robust free press are great antidotes to such thinking.

That's why in the U.S., conspiracy theories have historically thrived among groups that feel locked out, whether it's Jim Crow-era African Americans or 19th century white farmers during the Know-Nothing era who believed the "Pope in Rome" was plotting against them.

What makes this moment so different—and dangerous—is that elites who presumably know better, or should know better, have become increasingly paranoid as well.

It's normal for the party out of power to dabble in conspiratorial thinking. Partisanship and perceived powerlessness fuel the desire to see your opponents in the worst light.

The "Clinton body count" stuff started on the right under Bill Clinton. Under George W. Bush, 9/11 "Trutherism" ran rampant. Under Barack Obama, "Birtherism" spread like a cancer.

But the trend has metastasized recently. No doubt there are many causes. Cratering faith in institutions, especially the media, is kindling for the fires of paranoia. Social media prioritize the sensational over the factual and give outsized voice to those who claim to know what's "really" going on. The growth of bureaucratic and unaccountable government and the rent-seeking of the financially powerful—at home and internationally—have turned "globalists" into the malefactors of 21st century know-nothingism.

Then there's Trump. He rose to political prominence on the back of a conspiracy theory and exploited several others to rally his troops. His detractors resort to other conspiracy theories (mass voter suppression, Russia, etc.) to explain his 2016 Electoral College victory, and he invokes one (millions of illegal voters) to explain his failure to win the popular vote. Trump's coalition is a big tent where people with tinfoil hats get to belly up to the Kool-Aid punch bowl, proudly wearing their QAnon, Pizzagate, anti-Deep State name tags

That's what's so awful about the Epstein story, however the facts pan out. It lends validation—perhaps not factual, but certainly psychological—to the craziest voices and will make it harder, for years to come, to argue against the new paranoia.

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The 'Red Summer' of 1919 reverberates 100 years later

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One of many fundamental facts of American history it took me way too long to learn was this: For most of our history, race riots, far from being something angry black people did in urban spaces, were something angry white people instigated and carried out against black people all over the country.

Law enforcers were quick to criminalize black populations in big cities like Los Angeles and Detroit for exploding in frustration in the 1960s, but that kind of unrest didn't hold a candle to what whites across the country did in the early decades of the 20th century when they felt black people needed to be put in their place. The overtly criminal behavior they employed, always violent and often deadly, included stoning, shooting, lynching and burning entire communities to the ground.

The most infamous white riots happened across the nation between April and November of 1919, in what came to be known as "Red Summer." During that time, dozens of racial skirmishes, stretching from Arizona to Washington, D.C., left hundreds dead, injured and displaced. Though the target of most of the lethal violence was black people, white rioters also directed their economic and political paranoia toward Germans, unionists and anyone sympathetic to Russia's Bolshevik Revolution. A uniquely American fear that black people would team up with Marxists to bring about true economic and racial equality intensified the everyday racism that was already at a boiling point—including in Woodrow Wilson's White House.

We are experiencing a version of Red Summer now. Whites are not rioting exactly, but individual white men have gone on the rampage in multi-ethnic, quintessentially American cities like El Paso and Dayton, Ohio. And their actions feel an awful lot like white rioting by another means.

The context is broader and more diffuse these days, of course: The El Paso shooter targeted Latino immigrants, while the motives of the shooters in Dayton and Gilroy, where another young white man fired semiautomatic rounds into a festival-going crowd on July 28, are much less clear at this point. But the recent back-to-back shootings, taken together with so many others in recent years, in Charleston and Pittsburgh and Poway, to name a few, are clearly rooted in grievances nursed by a white male populace losing its sense of place and prominence.

They lash out with military-style guns meant to blindly mow people down, to kill as many as possible without knowing or even having to look at them—a lot like the indiscriminate nature of racism itself.

Another link between Red Summer and 2019 is racism emanating from the White House, aided and abetted by layers of appointees and elected officials unwilling to fully repudiate racist and xenophobic sentiments. Of course, Trump has got the patrician Wilson beat cold in terms of the loathsome bigotry he has spewed nearly nonstop since he started running for president four years ago. The difference between then and now is that in 1919, racism was the norm and white nationalism uncontroversial; Wilson openly admiring Klan ideology, for instance, was unsettling for some, but it was unsurprising. The president and many other white Americans sincerely believed that containing the Other was noble and necessary for keeping America great. If maintaining segregation sometimes morphed into domestic terrorism, well, that's just how it had to be.

In 2019 we are supposed to know better—and want better. But a good chunk of us do not. Some 40% of voters still consistently support Trump, and what that says about our chronic inability to function as a cohesive American people is a truth we as a country are reluctant to face. I've heard a lot of discussion (again) about the shooters being mentally ill or economically adrift or internet-addled. We say such things to assure ourselves that these were individual acts, that America is not fundamentally racist anymore, that these rampages, hideous as they are, are about something else.

But what? In all the heated discussions among liberals and conservatives about this latest spate of violence, I have not heard anybody articulate what that something else might be. To say that hate has no place in America, as hater-in-chief Trump had the nerve to say with a straight face before cameras this week, is simply to lie.

Of course, there wasn't even a pretense of tolerance in 1919. For the panicked white mobs bent on maintaining the social order by any means, tolerance was irrelevant, even dangerous. This is also the view of the growing club of white shooters today who advertise the fact that they feel threatened, hemmed in and pushed out by Mexicans, blacks, Jews, Muslims, LGBTQ people, women and white liberals who aren't down with tribal solidarity. Of course, most racially fearful whites aren't out there trying to kill those who don't look like them. But a lot of white people do embrace racial solidarity, even if they won't kill for it.

The fact that most racially uneasy whites aren't rampaging isn't cause for true optimism. But it's the shaky foundation on which we have to build. And the 60% of us who presumably reject Trump-era racism and xenophobia can help shore up that foundation dramatically by not just saying we believe in a unified America, but also by putting that belief into action.

When the shooting starts, give us a little help

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If you've never imagined yourself in a large room full of terrified people—a classroom, a movie theater, a Walmart—while a shooter moves among you, systematically picking off his victims, then you may be deficient in your capacity for imagination.

But I suspect that, like most of us, you have seriously considered how you would react if confronted by a shooter.

Your chances of being the victim of a mass shooting are small, but they are not negligible. And these days nearly all Americans keep that grim fact tucked away somewhere in the backs of their minds.

For example, last week, when the El Paso and Dayton shootings were fresh in everyone's minds, a motorcycle backfired several times in Times Square, and frantic people ran, called 911 and pounded on theater doors, trying to find a place to hide from what they assumed were gunshots.

This unfortunate reality of modern American life doesn't appear to be going away soon. We may hope that the El Paso and Dayton shootings will be the final outrage that spurs our culture to take real steps to protect itself, but there's not much reason for optimism.

No, after the grief and emotion generated by the El Paso and Dayton shootings die down in a few weeks, we can expect the current interest in gun control to die down, as well, just as it did after Sandy Hook, Orlando, Sutherland Springs, Las Vegas and so on. As long as Donald Trump is in the White House and the Senate is controlled by Republicans, do not expect meaningful change.

So if we find ourselves pinned down by a shooter in a Walmart, we are going to be pretty much on our own.

How would you react as the killer moves from aisle to aisle, picking off his victims? What would you do? What would you think about?

It's impossible to predict our actions in such a situation, but here are some things that I might think about:

First, amid the carnage, I doubt if I'll be thinking about the contortions that we have inflicted on the Second Amendment to wring from it the right—or at least the opportunity—for the shooter to possess a weapon that has more killing efficiency than the founders could have possibly imagined.

I doubt if I'll wonder whether the shooter could have been identified by red-flag laws or better background checks and thus been prevented from obtaining such a deadly weapon. I probably won't care if he played too many video games when he was young or whether he had a dependable father in his home.

It won't occur to me to wonder whether the shooter was influenced by his upbringing in a culture infatuated with gunfire or by a president who preaches hatred and disunity from the nation's most bully pulpit.

I probably won't concern myself about whether the shooter is using a pistol or an assault rifle or whether he is operating his weapon in the automatic or semiautomatic mode. And there will be no time to reflect on the irony of our ban on automatic weapons while we tolerate more efficiently deadly semiautomatic weapons.

No, I suspect that I will be thinking about just one thing: When does the shooter have to stop to reload?

The real killer is the high-capacity magazine. The founders couldn't have imagined that the Second Amendment would someday be used to enable mass shootings; in fact, they couldn't have imagined mass shootings, at all. The best ball-and-powder musketeer would be hard pressed to fire three shots per minute. The Dayton shooter killed nine people in 30 seconds. He had a 100-round magazine. Magazines larger than five rounds have only one reasonable use: to kill people very, very quickly.

Until our government develops the courage and will to enact gun legislation that will protect us, I ask only one thing: Make the shooter pause, however briefly, to reload after every five shots. Whether I decide to run, hide or fight, that tiny edge might give me the only chance I have.

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tim, Courtney Wild, earlier said that when Epstein molested her, "I was 14. I had braces on."

Retired Palm Beach police Chief Michael Reiter told the Herald, "This was not a 'he said, she said' situation. This was 50-something 'shes' and one 'he'—and the 'shes' all basically told the same story." The many accounts were consistent, the Herald noted, "right down to their detailed descriptions of Epstein's genitalia."

The accusers who say he abused them can no longer hope to see him punished appropriately for his alleged crimes. But they can pursue a full airing of the facts and seek monetary damages from an estate reputed to be worth at least $500 million. And prosecutors have indicated that the evidence may lead to charges against others connected to Epstein.

Maybe in time the women who say they were cruelly abused for his pleasure will get financial compensation and a court verdict affirming that they are telling the truth. In the meantime, maybe they can take some solace in knowing that Epstein will never abuse another girl.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly sunny. Isolated showers and thunderstorms with scattered showers in the afternoon for Guam.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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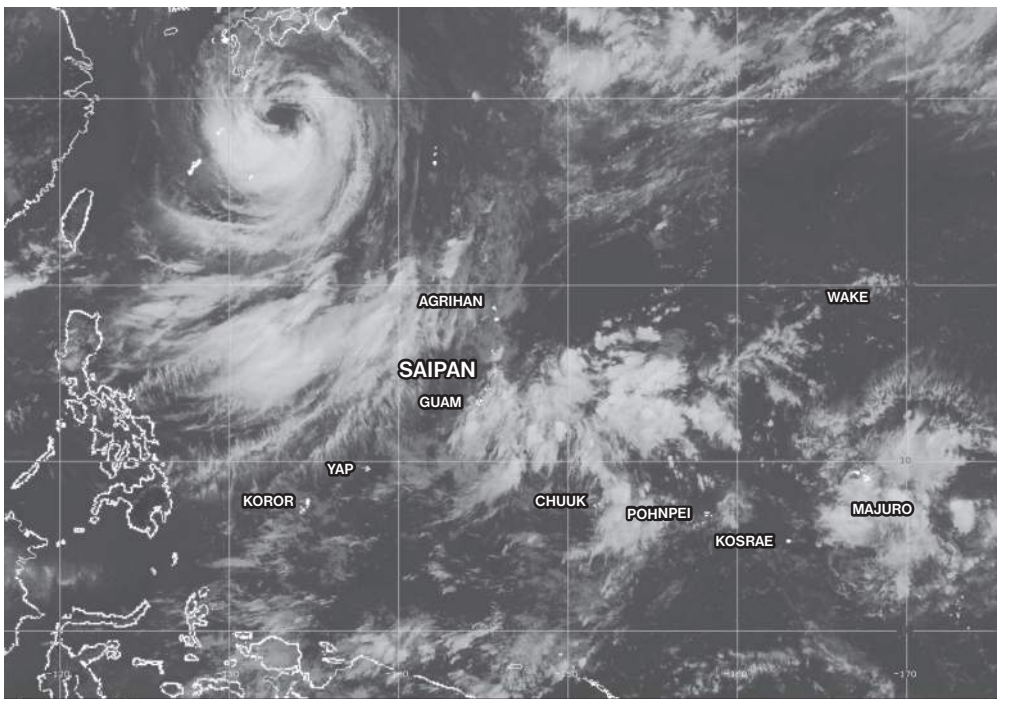

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Partly cloudy skies with light to gentle winds and only spotty showers prevail across the Marianas this morning. Buoys show seas have subsided to between 7 and 8 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	84° / 78°
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	57° / 48°
Beijing	Sunny	91° / 70°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	90° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	89° / 78°
London	Rain	72° / 55°
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 64°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°
Melbourne	Showers	55° / 41°
Miami	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
New York	Partly Cloudy	81° / 70°
Osaka	Thunderstorms	90° / 81°
Paris	Showers	73° / 57°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	90° / 77°
Rome	Sunny	99° / 72°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	93° / 70°
San Francisco	Sunny	72° / 56°
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1:54 AM	LOW TIDE	1.20
6:48 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.89
1:59 PM	LOW TIDE	0.04
8:47 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.88

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:39 PM
Monday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	5:32 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	-	6:21 AM	7:19 PM
Saturday	-	7:10 AM	7:57 PM
Sunday	-	7:57 AM	8:34 PM
Monday	-	8:44 AM	9:10 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	10:00am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	1, 2, 3, 5, 7
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:15am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:20pm	00:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
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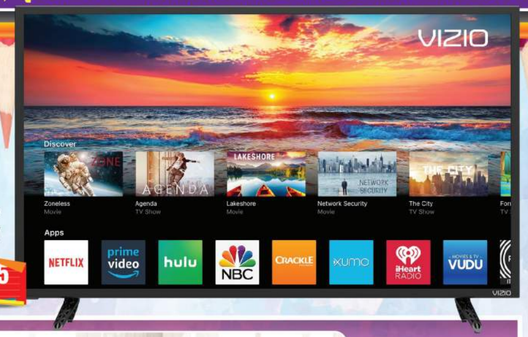

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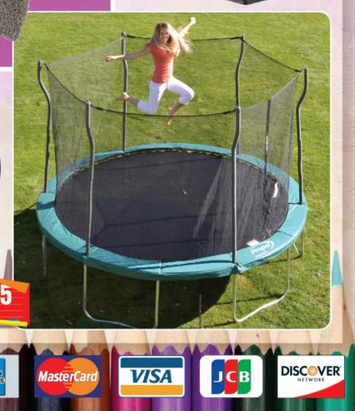

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Search on for missing fishing vessel in Palau

HONOLULU—A search is currently underway for a 60-foot Indonesian-flagged fishing vessel called *Hallelujar* that's missing about 172 miles northwest of Palau.

The crews of the Coast Guard cutter *Kiska*, a forward-deployed Air Station Barbers Point HC-130 Hercules, and a B-52 Stratofortress from the U.S. Air Force 36th Wing are en route to assist in the search. Rescue Coordination Center Guam is coordinating with good Samaritans in the area for assistance.

At 7:03am Monday, Sector Guam Command Center watchstanders received a report from the Japanese coast guard stating the Japanese fishing vessel *Kinsei Maru No.3* rescued a mariner on a motorboat north of Palau. The mariner said his boat, the *Hallelujar*, was adrift for approximately 10 days without electricity, food, and water. There are reportedly eight crewmembers still aboard. When the *Hallelujar*'s crew saw the lights from the *Kinsei Maru No.3*, they sent the mariner on the vessel's motorboat for assistance.

The *Kinsei Maru No.3* crew searched the area but could not locate the *Hallelujar* and departed due to deteriorating weather. The rescued mariner stated there were no injuries or significant medical concerns among *Hallelujar*'s crew.

Sector Guam watchstanders issued a SafetyNet broadcast seeking the assistance of any mariners in the area and diverted the *Kiska* from Palau and the Hercules from Pohnpei to search. Watchstanders also contacted the U.S. Air Force for help. ***(USCG)***

ERRATUM

This photo was published yesterday, Aug. 14, 2019, with errors in the caption. We apologize for the errors. The corrected caption identifies the people in the photo, from left, as CNMI Solid Waste & Recycle Management executive adviser Jun Kitaoka, Japan Environmental Solutions LLC president Koji Okamoto, Koror's Solid Waste Management Office manager Selby Etibek, Koror state government consultant Katsuo Fuji, and Office of Planning and Development direct Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong. Fuji is discussing the recycling law in Palau at the Governor's Office conference room. SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-19-012, Rev. 1

ISLAND WIDE WATER METER INSTALLATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of the installation of new service saddles, corporation stops, and PVC service lines from the CUC main to the meter, proper sizing of existing service lines, installation of a water meter on non-metered customers, relocation of existing CUC water meters from private property to public easement, various exploration work, abandonment of unnecessary service lines, removal of existing manifold systems, and as required, installation of new service lines from the meter to the house plumbing.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **August 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-19-012, Rev.1, Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **9:00 AM (ChST) on August 16, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 2, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-19-025

ROTA WATER CAVE ENCLOSURE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Rota Water Cave Enclosure in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of the installation of a new concrete CMU block wall enclosure, screened aluminum doors, drain pipes, fencing upgrades; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Public Law 20-61.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 30 , 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Directors Office, Sinapalo, Rota.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-19-025, Rota Water Cave Enclosure"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 19, 2019**. Bid Submissions will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:15 AM (ChST) the same day. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety
company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on September 3, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Edgar Tuazon, Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address edgar.tuazon@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM B. GILMORE
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Business

Infino brings food without boundaries to Saipan

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Chef Juan Carlos Berrocal's latest foray into Saipan's flourishing restaurant industry is aptly named Infino and it opens today at the Old Tony Seafood location near the American Memorial Park along Beach Road in Garapan.

Berrocal, who used to own and operate Roque's Tavern in San Roque and worked as executive chef for Kensington Hotel and 360 Restaurant, is ecstatic he finally opened a restaurant in the tourism and business district of Garapan.

And to celebrate the opening of Infino, the graduate of Le Cordon Bleu culinary school in Paris, France will be offering a buffet of Italian, Peruvian, and Spanish cuisine for all comers starting today, Aug. 15.

For only $12, customers will taste such eclectic dishes like arroz verde con pollo, pesto penne chicken, Peruvian pork chaufa, Peruvian escabeche, Spanish white rice, Italian rosemary bake chicken, and the likes. The buffet comes with complimentary iced tea and dessert.

Aside from the daily buffet, which will be from Monday to Saturday, 11:30am to 2pm, Infino is also gearing up for its Sunday buffet which menu Berrocal and his staff are still finalizing. The Sunday buffet, which starts on Aug. 18, will also be from 11:30am to 2pm and will cost $16.

For those not fancying buffets, Infino's a la carte menu is also available from 11:30am to 9pm and you read it right, the restaurant is open straight as Berrocal is not a fan of restaurants using broken schedules.

Soon Infino will also open for breakfast and will offer, among others, continental American breakfast with a sprinkling of Spanish (tapas), Peruvian (pork chicharron), and Italian (salad) dishes.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The new restaurant will be offering a buffet of Italian, Peruvian, and Spanish cuisine for all comers starting today, Aug. 15.

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Infino owner and chef Juan Carlos Berrocal is a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu culinary school in Paris, France.

The well-travel chef said judging by the cuisine his new restaurant serves, Infino's food will have no boundaries and it's just fitting considering the multi-ethnic makeup of the CNMI, especially Saipan.

The melting pot of cultures—and by extension of cuisines—has truly endeared the islands to Berrocal, who first came to Saipan in 2015.

"I've really fallen in love with this place despite all the struggles I've experienced working and owning a restaurant here. Saipan is just so beautiful and the island hospitality and multi-cultural and multi-ethnic aspect of it is unparalleled," he said.

Infino is located beside QQ Rent-A-Car in Garapan and managed by Yaya Luan. For reservation and for more information, call (670) 233-9966. Infino can also be reached via Facebook.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
One of Infino owner and chef Juan Carlos Berrocal's creations.

Trump delays tariffs on some Chinese goods until December

WASHINGTON (AP)—Responding to pressure from businesses and growing fears that a trade war is threatening the U.S. economy, the Trump administration is delaying most of the import taxes it planned to impose on Chinese goods and is dropping others altogether.

The announcement Tuesday from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative was greeted with relief on Wall Street and by retailers who have grown fearful that the new tariffs would wreck holiday sales.

The administration says it still plans to proceed with 10% tariffs on about $300 billion in Chinese imports—extending its import taxes to just about everything China ships to the United States in a dispute over Beijing's strong-arm trade policies.

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But under pressure from retailers and other businesses, President Donald Trump's trade office said it would delay until Dec. 15 the tariffs on nearly 60% of the imports that had been set to absorb the new taxes starting Sept. 1. Among the products that will benefit from the 3½-month reprieve are such popular consumer goods as cellphones, laptops, video game consoles, some toys, computer monitors, shoes and clothing.

The administration is also removing other items from the tariff list entirely, based on what it called "health, safety, national security and other factors."

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW19-IFB-015

TINIAN ROAD REPAIR AND ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Tinian Road Repair and Asphalt Overlay Project, Tinian** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **August 08, 2019** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 23, 2019**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room **Tinian Office.** The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 28, 2019** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW19-IFB-015"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time September 9, 2019**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, September 9, 2019**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net.** For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 9, 2019** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **September 18, 2019**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, September 19, 2019**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on September 9, 2019**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CASIANO BOSTRE
Acting Secretary of Public Works

EDWIN P. ALDAN
Mayor of Tinian

FRACISCO C. AGUON
Acting Director of Procurement & Supply

Nation

2 guards suspended and warden reassigned after Epstein death

AP
United States Attorney General William Barr, listens to LaToya Cantrell, New Orleans mayor, during the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police's 64th National Biennial Conference at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center on Convention Blvd. in New Orleans, La. Monday, Aug. 12, 2019.

NEW YORK (AP)—The warden at the federal jail where Jeffrey Epstein took his own life over the weekend was removed Tuesday and two guards who were supposed to be watching the financier were placed on leave while federal authorities investigate the death.

The move by the Justice Department came amid mounting evidence that the chronically understaffed Metropolitan Correctional Center may have bungled its responsibility to keep the 66-year-old Epstein from harming himself while he awaited trial on charges of sexually abusing teenage girls.

Epstein was taken off a suicide watch last month for reasons that have not been explained, and was supposed to have been checked on by a guard every 30 minutes. But investigators learned those checks weren't done for several hours before he was found Saturday morning, according to a person familiar with the case who was not authorized to discuss it and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Guards on the unit are now suspected of falsifying log entries to show they were making the checks, according to another person familiar with the probe.

In the past, guards at both federal and state prisons have faced criminal charges over false entries in duty logs that were discovered after something went wrong with a prisoner.

Surveillance video reviewed after the death showed guards never made some of the checks noted in the log, according to the person, who also was't authorized to disclose information and spoke to The Associated Press Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

Attorney General William Barr ordered warden Lamine N'Diaye temporarily assigned to the Bureau of Prisons' regional office while the FBI and the Justice Department's inspector general investigate. The two guards were not identified.

While the exact manner of Epstein's death has not been officially announced, another person familiar with operations at the jail said the financier was discovered in his cell with a bedsheet around his neck. That person likewise spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason.

Under the jail's protocol, Epstein would not have been given a bedsheet had he been on suicide watch. He was placed on suicide watch last month after he was found on the floor of his cell with bruises on his neck, but he was later returned to the jail's special housing unit for inmates needing close supervision.

The Bureau of Prisons sent a team of prison psychologists, known as a suicide reconstruction team, to the jail on Tuesday, a Justice Department official said. They are expected to reconstruct the scene, analyze why Epstein took his own life and look at how it happened, the official said. The official couldn't discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen was being briefed by the FBI every three hours on the progress of their investigation.

On Monday, Barr said that he was "frankly angry to learn of the MCC's failure to adequately secure this prisoner," adding: "We will get to the bottom of what happened and there will be accountability."

The warden of an institution in upstate New York has been named the acting warden at the jail.

Eric Young, president of the union council that represents prison guards, said that such reassignments are routinely done to "protect the integrity of investigations until any formal action, if any, is warranted."

Jose Rojas, a union leader and teacher at a federal prison in Florida, said N'Diaye should be home without pay instead of being reassigned. He said it appears to him that the Bureau of Prisons is "protecting him and putting the blame on officers."

Did the Dayton gunman target his sister? Police can't agree

One of the first victims struck by the Dayton shooter during his 32-second rampage that left nine people dead was his younger sister, but whether he intentionally killed her remains unknown more than a week later, the Ohio city's police chief said Tuesday.

Investigators have "radically different views" on whether Connor Betts targeted his 22-year-old sister, Megan, two hours after they arrived with a friend at a popular strip of nightclubs, Chief Richard Biehl said at a news conference.

Text messages show the 24-year-old gunman knew his sister and their friend were going to a taco stand minutes before he came down an alley and started shooting, Beihl said.

"There's a real question whether he could see who was on the other side," the police chief said, adding that its possible investigators may never come up with an answer.

"If we can't seem to make that call conclusively—that we're divided about how, whether that was intentional or not—I think it's inconclusive," Biehl said.

Authorities have interviewed witnesses, studied video and reviewed Betts' phone while trying to come up with a motive and other factors that led to the mass shooting Aug 4. So far, there is no evidence he had any help the night of the shooting, Biehl said.

While they don't know why Betts chose his location or what his motive was, investigators do know a lot about his mindset, including his obsession with and desire to commit a mass shooting, the police chief said.

A video of pieced-together surveillance from businesses showed Betts before the shooting with his sister and their friend, and again after he went to his car and changed into a black hoodie, put on body armor and retrieved an assault-style gun from the trunk.

The three had arrived together at the entertainment district and spent about an hour inside a bar before Betts left and went to another nightclub by himself, police said.

He then walked back to his car and spent about eight minutes changing and getting out his weapon, Biehl said.

Investigators think the friend who arrived with Betts didn't know what he had planned or that he had weapons stashed in the trunk, Beihl said.

Betts was very familiar with the area and its night spots and had been there the night before, the police chief said. It's clear he had a plan for the mass shooting, although why he chose that place at that time is still being investigated, the police chief said.

In all, he killed nine people and wounded at least 17 others in just over half a minute before officers who were patrolling the area fatally shot Betts, police said. Previously, police and hospital officials said at least 14 people suffered gunshots.

The coroner's report will determine whether anyone besides the shooter was hit by police, Biehl said.

Authorities said that a friend, Ethan Kollie, bought armor and a 100-round magazine for Betts, authorities said. But there was no evidence he knew what Betts planned, they said.

The governor's office said Wednesday that its attorneys weren't aware of any law that "would have necessarily prohibited" the magazine.

Kollie will appear Wednesday in federal court. His attorney said he has been cooperating with investigators.

"He was as shocked and surprised as everyone else that Mr. Betts committed the massacre," attorney Nick Gounaris said Monday.

Dreadful heat, humidity invade South as misery continues

ATLANTA (AP)—Stifling heat smothered states from Texas to South Carolina on Tuesday with temperatures that felt like 120 degrees (49 Celsius), making it difficult to be outside for long, much less work or play.

As the entire Southeast baked amid heat warnings and advisories that reached from central Texas to coastal Georgia, construction workers toiled under a blazing sun in Louisiana. Alabama's largest city opened its auditorium as a refuge for anyone needing to cool down.

Some schools and coaches limited football practice for players getting ready for the upcoming season, and social media was dotted with photos showing automobile thermometers with triple-digit readings.

Forecasters said a cold front and storms could lead to a slight midweek cool down, but for the meantime it was just too hot.

The National Weather Service said the afternoon heat index, a combination of temperature and humidity, climbed to 120 degrees (48.8 Celsius) in Clarksdale, Mississippi, nearly hitting the 121 degrees (49.4 Celsius) it felt like Monday . Readings were nearly as high in cities including Dyersburg, Tennessee, and West Memphis, Arkansas.

In downtown Birmingham, Alabama, a piano-playing sidewalk evangelist sought refuge from the sun with two umbrellas—one over his head and the other on his sunny side.

Around the corner, artist Henry L. McShan sold his watercolor landscapes in a shady spot beside a park. Temperatures in Birmingham were already in the 90s Tuesday morning and topped 100 degrees later.

"I'm going to be here all day. I've got several bottles of water. I'm ready for it," said McShan, his face glistening with sweat.

It was just as sizzling along the Gulf Coast in south Alabama and along the Florida Panhandle. The heat index hit 117 (47 Celsius) before noon Tuesday in the Mobile, Alabama, area. Pensacola saw a heat index of 115, also before noon.

The heat index in the hottest areas should be 15 to 20 degrees cooler Wednesday, according to the weather service.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are prime threats during heat waves, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Asia

Mob violence on 2nd day of protests at HK airport

HONG KONG (AP)—Frenzied mob violence Tuesday against two men protesters suspected of being spies from mainland China marked the second day of pro-democracy demonstrations that have caused mass cancellations and disruptions in Hong Kong's busy airport.

Calm eventually returned, with most of the protesters leaving the airport hours after officers armed with pepper spray and swinging batons tried to enter the terminal, fighting with demonstrators who barricaded entrances with luggage carts. Riot police clashed briefly with the demonstrators, who said they planned to return to the airport early Wednesday.

More than 100 flights were cancelled on Tuesday, the fifth consecutive day that protesters occupied the airport. Airlines were still working through a backlog of more than 200 flights from Monday when the airport announced in the afternoon that check-in processes would once again be suspended.

"Democracy is a good thing," said signs that appeared to be aimed at mainland Chinese and foreign travelers. Many signs also contained apologies for the disruption to travelers: "We stand here to obstruct, only for one single reason. We love and care for Hong Kong. We hope you will understand. Sorry."

Hong Kong airport closed

One of the world's busiest airports canceled all flights after thousands of Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters crowded into the main terminal Monday.

Sources: AP
Graphic: Staff, TNS

The burst of violence included protesters beating up at least two men they suspected of being undercover agents and came the same day Hong Kong's pro-Beijing leader warned that the demonstrators had pushed events onto a "path of no return," highlighting the hardening positions on both sides.

Police have acknowledged using "decoy" officers, and the violence followed weekend sightings of men dressed like demonstrators—in black and wearing face masks—appearing to arrest protesters.

In both instances, angry demonstrators pushed past people trying to hold them back and attacked the men, binding their wrists together and beating them to the ground. The two were eventually taken away by paramedics.

In one case, protesters detained a man they claimed to be an undercover police officer from mainland China, pulled his identity documents from his wallet and encouraged journalists to photograph them. None of them showed that he was a police officer, though protesters claimed to have found his name on an online list of police officers in southern Guangdong province. The Associated Press could not independently verify the man's identity.

Sally Tong, an 18-year-old protester, said they needed to hold him as evidence that mainland Chinese authorities are in Hong Kong to monitor the demonstrations. Tong said the man was dressed in black and wore a mask to look like one of them.

Indian-controlled Kashmir under strict lockdown for 9th day

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Residents of Indian-administered Kashmir were running low on essential supplies Tuesday as an unprecedented security lockdown kept people indoors for a ninth day.

Full Coverage: Kashmir

India has imposed a near-constant curfew and a communications blackout as it tries to stave off a violent reaction to the government's decision on Aug. 5 to strip Kashmir of its autonomy.

The reaction in Kashmir to India's unprecedented move has so far been largely subdued. But anti-India protests and clashes have occurred daily, mostly as soldiers withdraw from the streets at dusk. Though the scale of the lockdown is unprecedented, civil resistance to Indian rule is not uncommon in Kashmir, and young men have hurled stones and abuse at police and soldiers.

Predominantly Muslim Kashmir is split between India and Pakistan and is claimed by both in its entirety. Pakistan has denounced the recent changes as illegal and has downgraded its diplomatic ties with New Delhi, expelled the Indian ambassador and suspended trade and train services.

Pakistan is calling for an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council, saying the move by India's Hindu nationalist-led government threatens international peace and could lead to ethnic cleansing and genocide.

In a letter to the council Tuesday obtained by The Associated Press, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Quereshi accused India of implementing a "racist ideology" aimed at turning Kashmir from a Muslim-majority into a Hindu-majority territory. Poland holds the council presidency this month and Foreign Minister Jacek Czaputowicz said members would discuss the letter.

Quereshi denounced "recent aggressive actions" by India, saying they "willfully undermine the internationally recognized disputed status of Jammu and Kashmir." Pakistan has urged international condemnation of the Indian move, but India maintains it was an internal, sovereign decision.

On Monday, Indian troops patrolling the disputed region allowed some Muslims to walk to mosques to mark the Eid al-Adha festival, and shops were opened briefly on previous days.

The lockdown is expected to last at least through Thursday, India's independence day.

Surveillance drones and military helicopters hovered over Srinagar, the region's main city. On Sunday, soldiers stopped vehicles in the city's main business hub, causing a traffic jam just as a low-flying drone passed by, according to Javaid Ahmed, a resident who said he watched the scene from a nearby building.

He said he later saw the same scene broadcast on Indian TV channels.

World

Doctors: 2 Ebola patients in Congo 'cured' with drugs

KINSHASA, Congo (AP)—Two Ebola patients who were treated with new drugs in the city of Goma in eastern Congo have been declared "cured" and returned to their home.

Top doctors fighting Ebola quickly used the case on Tuesday to press the message that people can recover from the potentially deadly disease if they seek proper care.

Ebola is dangerous but it is also curable with correct treatment, said Dr. Jean-Jacques Muyembe, director of Congo's National Institute for Biomedical Research.

"Ebola kills quickly and Ebola heals quickly. That's the message," said Muyembe, at a press conference in Goma.

"These cases were detected very quickly. The husband was infected, he was at home for 10 days and his wife and son were infected," said Muyembe. "As soon as the response teams detected these cases, they brought them here to the treatment center. We gave them treatment that is effective and here in a short time both are cured."

Muyembe said two new drugs "are now be used to treat Ebola patients because, according to the studies and the results we obtained in the lab, these are the two drugs that are effective."

Muyembe and other scientists announced this week that preliminary results from two trials in Congo found two drugs—made by Regeneron and the U.S. National Institutes of Health—seem to be saving lives. Researchers said more study is needed to nail down how well those two compounds work. The drugs are antibodies that block Ebola. In the trial, significantly fewer people died among those given the Regeneron drug or the NIH's, about 30%, compared to those who received another treatment.

Esperance Nabintu rejoiced that she and her young son had survived Ebola.

"May the Lord be praised, I thank the Lord very much. I and my child were sick with Ebola, but God has just healed us.

"My brothers, we must not doubt. Ebola exists, "said Nabintu, whose husband was the second Ebola victim to die in Goma. No other Ebola death has been detected since then.

After a public announcement that Nabintu and her son, Ebenezer Fataki, 1, had recovered from Ebola, the response team accompanied the two former patients their home in the Kiziba area, where the medical team educated the residents about proper Ebola treatment.

There is less danger that Ebola will spread through Goma, the capital of North Kivu province with more than 2 million inhabitants, because about 200 contacts and suspected cases have been identified and have received proper medication, said Muyembe. He said people arriving in Goma are being monitored at the city's entry points.

WORLD BRIEFS

Kremlin: Putin doesn't think Moscow protests significant

MOSCOW (AP)—The Kremlin on Tuesday broke weeks of silence on opposition protests and police violence in Moscow, saying that President Vladimir Putin does not see the increasing wave of discontent as anything significant. The Russian capital has been gripped by three consecutive weekends of large-scale opposition protests, with police arresting and detaining more than 1,000 people. Saturday's rally was believed to be the largest in eight years. The huge protests followed some smaller demonstrations earlier this summer Giving the Kremlin's first official comments on the protests in Moscow, spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Tuesday that Putin has not spoken out about the demonstrations because he does not think there is anything "exceptional" about them. "Protests happen in many countries," he said, adding that there are more important events in Russia for the president to care about. Peskov rejected suggestions that the protests have plunged the Kremlin into a political crisis and defended police response at the three weekends of protests.

Paris streets near Notre Dame to be decontaminated from lead

PARIS (AP)—Paris authorities shut down streets surrounding the Notre Dame Cathedral to decontaminate them Tuesday, after high levels of lead were registered in the area following the April blaze that damaged the landmark. The painstaking cleanup work inside Notre Dame itself was suspended last month for safety reasons, as activists and residents accused authorities of underestimating the threat of lead poisoning. Hundreds of tons of lead melted in the fire, which destroyed the cathedral's metal and wood roof. Authorities have launched multiple lead prevention operations: cleaning up neighborhood schools, de-toxifying surrounding streets, and setting up a stricter new decontamination zone for experts working inside the cathedral. On Tuesday, police blocked several streets and a bridge around the monument, and high fences were erected to keep out Parisians and tourists alike. Experts plan to use two decontamination techniques for the surrounding neighborhoods, according to the culture ministry. One method will feature high pressure water jets with chemical agents. Another involves spreading a gel on public benches, street lights and other fixtures to absorb the lead, letting it dry for several days before removing it. The overall operation is expected to take about three weeks.

Soldiers deliver gas as Portuguese truckers' strike bites

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—Soldiers are driving tanker trucks to distribute gas in Portugal as an open-ended truckers' strike over pay enters its second day. Police officers are also making deliveries as close to 500 of the country's about 3,000 gas stations were reported dry Tuesday. The government has issued an order allowing the army to be used. It has also enacted a rarely-used legal measure which introduces a punishment of up to two years in prison for strikers who do not carry out a minimum volume of daily gas deliveries stipulated by the government. The government announced those steps late Monday after deciding that international airports and gas stations in the southern Algarve vacation region, which hosts 1 million tourists in August, were not receiving their stipulated supplies.

Environment

Study links Antarctic ice melt to human-caused climate change

TNS

Atmospheric warming has been linked by researchers to the loss of ice in the Antarctic Peninsula, the northernmost part of the continent.

By THERESA BRAINE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

As scientists watch the world's ice melt away, predict sea level rises, and sound the alarm about climate change, they have been struggled to demonstrate a direct link between that and human activity, at least when it comes to the western Antarctic ice sheets — until now.

Atmospheric warming has been linked by researchers to the loss of ice in the Antarctic Peninsula, the northernmost part of the continent. But air temperatures have remained quite low in the rest of Antarctica, including West Antarctica, causing scientists to look to the ocean as the cause for ice loss there, researchers say.

But authors of a study published Monday in the journal Nature Geoscience have documented changes in the character of the winds that sweep past West Antarctica's most fragile glaciers. They've found that changes in the direction or strength of those winds are altering the ocean water that comes into contact with the ice, causing the glaciers to melt.

Until now, researchers had been stymied by the loss of ice in the western Antarctic because they were studying air temperatures, and those have remained quite low in most of Antarctica, according to a statement from the research team. This time the scientists turned their attention to the ocean that slides by the glaciers, and found some compelling evidence linking human activity to the ice melt.

Natural variations in the winds have a cycle lasting about a decade, but the researchers also documented a "longer-term change in the winds that can be linked with human activities," the researchers said in a statement from the British Antarctic Survey, one of three institutions involved in the study.

They noted that the changes could lead to a significant sea level rise by 2100.

Combining satellite observations with climate model simulations, the research team studied changes in the winds over the ocean near West Antarctica since the 1920s as greenhouse gases have become more concentrated and prevalent.

"Human-induced climate change has caused a long-term change in the winds, and that warm ocean conditions have gradually become more prevalent as a result," the team concluded.

"This is the first evidence for a direct link between human activities and the loss of ice from West Antarctica," said study lead author Professor Paul Holland. "Our results imply that a combination of human activity and natural climate variations have caused ice loss in this region, accounting for around 4.5 cm of sea-level rise per century."

"These results solve a long-standing puzzle," said co-author Eric Steig, a University of Washington professor of Earth and space sciences, in a separate statement. "We have known for some time that varying winds near the West Antarctic Ice Sheet have contributed to the ice loss, but it has not been clear why the ice sheet is changing now."

"We knew this region was affected by natural climate cycles lasting about a decade, but these didn't necessarily explain the ice loss," said study coauthor Pierre Dutrieux of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. "Now we have evidence that a century-long change underlies these cycles, and that it is caused by human activities."

Antarctica has been melting for quite some time, with huge chunks of glacier calving off into the ocean.

The West Antarctic ice sheet contains a good 6% of the world's fresh water, according to National Geographic. Global sea levels would rise by at least 10 feet if it were to melt. While scientists don't expect that to happen soon, Nat Geo said, some parts are more vulnerable than others.

In May, a report showed that nearly a quarter of the western Antarctic ice was unstable.

The latest news wasn't all dire, as long as humans start to listen and change behavior.

"An important finding is that if high greenhouse-gas emissions continue in future, the winds keep changing and there could be a further increase in ice melting," Holland said. "However, if emissions of greenhouse gases are curtailed, there is little change in the winds from present-day conditions. This shows that curbing greenhouse gas emissions now could reduce the future sea-level contribution from this region."

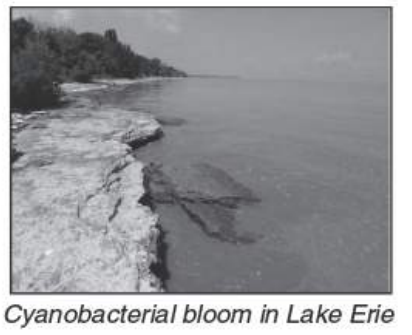
Toxic algae

While most algae is vital to the health of marine and freshwater ecosystems, some colonies – called harmful algal blooms, or HABs – can be toxic to plants, animals and people.

Two common HABs

Cyanobacteria (microcystis, or blue-green algae)

- Can form in any type of water; occurs when organisms normally present grow exuberantly and appear as foam, scum or mats on the water's surface

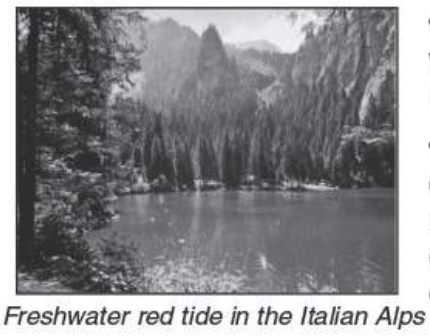


Cyanobacterial bloom in Lake Erie

- One of the oldest and largest groups of bacteria; has been linked to illness worldwide
- People who drink or swim in tainted water may get gastroenteritis, skin irritations or allergic reactions

Karenia brevis (K. brevis, or 'red tide')

- Can affect marine and freshwater ecosystems worldwide; occurs when microscopic algae grow quickly, causing blooms that make the water appear red



Freshwater red tide in the Italian Alps

- K. brevis produces brevotoxins, which can kill fish and other marine organisms, damage shore
- Eating contaminated shellfish causes severe gastrointestinal, neurologic symptoms; swimming in or breathing air near red tides can cause eye, nose, throat irritation

Source: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Graphic: Staff, TNS

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Life & Style

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Liam Hemsworth wishes Miley Cyrus 'nothing but health'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Liam Hemsworth is wishing his wife Miley Cyrus "nothing but health and happiness" days after Cyrus' representative announced the couple's separation. Hemsworth posted on Instagram on Monday confirming the pair's separation and saying he won't be making comments to "any journalists or media outlets." A representative for Cyrus says the couple decided a break was best while they focus on "themselves and careers" after less than a year of marriage. Hemsworth, who starred in "The Hunger Games" films, and Cyrus have dated on and off for more than a decade. They married in December. The representative says the pair will remain "dedicated parents to all of their animals they share."

Octavia Spencer to be honored by gay-rights education group

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Octavia Spencer will be honored by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network with its Inspiration Award at a gala later this year. The group known as GLSEN announced Tuesday that the star of "Hidden Figures and "The Help" will receive the honor at the group's Respect Awards, presented in October in Beverly Hills, California. GLSEN Executive Director Eliza Byard said in a statement that Spencer "has devoted her career to diverse storytelling, promoting social good and is a steadfast ally for the LGBTQ community." GLSEN was founded in 1990 to address LGBT issues in K-12 education, and has presented the Respect Awards since 2004. The group's past honorees have included Kerry Washington and Ellen Pompeo.

Concerts canceled, investigation opened into Placido Domingo

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Two music companies canceled appearances by Placido Domingo and the Los Angeles Opera said Tuesday it would launch an investigation in response to an Associated Press story in which numerous women accused the opera legend of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior spanning decades.

Domingo has been general director of the LA Opera since 2003 and previously served as the company's artistic director, jobs that gave him the power to cast roles and—his accusers say—make, or break, careers.

Some of the women told the AP that Domingo used his power at the LA company and elsewhere to try to pressure them into sexual relationships, with several saying that he dangled jobs and then sometimes punished them professionally if they refused his advances.

On Tuesday, the Philadelphia Orchestra and San Francisco Opera announced they would cancel upcoming performances featuring the star, regarded as one of the greatest opera singers of all time.

AP
In this Nov. 5, 1994 file photo, Placido Domingo performs in the San Francisco Opera's production of "Herodiade" in San Francisco.

New York's Metropolitan Opera said it would await the results of LA Opera's investigation "before making any final decisions about Mr. Domingo's future at the Met," where he is scheduled to appear next month.

The 78-year-old Domingo is one of the industry's most powerful figures and more than three dozen people in the opera world told the AP that his behavior has long been an open secret.

The accusers who spoke to the AP—all but one of whom requested anonymity—said they had feared speaking out previously would kill their careers due to his immense standing.

Former Disney kid Bella Thorne directs film for Pornhub

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Disney kid Bella Thorne is making her directorial debut—on Pornhub.

The actress, author and musician joined the porn site's Visionaries Director's Series with "Her & Him," also to be shown at The Odenburg Film Festival in Germany from Sept. 11 to Sept. 15.

Her film, featuring a very large knife along with, well, porn, tells the Romeo and Juliet-like story of two star-crossed lovers, said Pornhub vice president Corey Price in a statement. Their love is reckless and dangerous and "transcends time and space."

She follows rapper Young M.A. and singer-rapper Brooke Candy in the film series.

Thorne has produced a dark and deeply personal collection of poetry and appeared as a teen in the Disney Channel series "Shake It Up." She co-starred in the film "The DUFF."

Rep: K-pop superstar group BTS will take break, but brief

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A representative for K-pop superstar group BTS said Tuesday the boy band is taking a break, but it will only be brief.

BTS's rep told The Associated Press that the seven-member group will take a "well-deserved vacation." It was recently reported that BTS will head on an "extended" hiatus, but the group's rep said that's not the case.

"It has been widely reported that BTS will be taking a hiatus. To clarify, BTS will only be taking a brief, but well-deserved vacation," the group's rep said in an emailed statement. "We want to assure all of the BTS ARMY, fans, friends and the media that the group is excited to get back on the stage very soon for their scheduled stadium tour. More exciting BTS news and events to come!"

BTS's agency Big Hit Entertainment said a concert Sunday in Seoul was the group's last scheduled performance before members take "vacations" for the first time since their 2013 debut.

The agency didn't say when BTS will start performing again. The company's website said BTS is scheduled to perform in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Seoul in October.

BTS has a large international following and was the first K-pop act to debut atop the Billboard Album chart last year with "Love Yourself: Tear."

Broadway producer arrested on child porn charges

NEW YORK (AP)—A Broadway producer whose first big-budget show was derailed by a con man's false financial promises was arrested Tuesday on child porn charges.

Producer Ben Sprecher, 65, of Manhattan, was charged with possession and distribution of child pornography and released on $100,000 bail with a warning to avoid unsupervised contact with children. His lawyer declined comment.

Sprecher made more than 100 files involving children available for downloading, according to Peter C. Fitzhugh, head of the New York office of Homeland Security Investigations.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Samuel Rothschild told a magistrate judge that Sprecher engaged in the online activity over a long period of time.

"This is not a one-off," he said.

A criminal complaint prepared by a New York City police detective said Sprecher admitted he possessed child porn files after waiving his Miranda rights during a search at his home Tuesday. The complaint said he possessed files since last October.

Subject of uncle being gay never came up with nephew

DEAR ABBY: My brother, "Kevin," came out at the age of 30. Now, 20 years later, I have a son who would like to stay with my brother for a few months while working a job nearby. We have never discussed that Kevin is gay. I had no idea when he came out to me. No one ever asked me about it other than my mother, who goes on and on when we are alone about "how could this have happened?"

The news did not change anything for me. I love my brother for the kind, loving, hardworking person he is. He is always welcome in my home, but my parents refuse to accept any of his friends, so he never brings anyone along. People still sometimes ask me if they can set up a girl for Kevin to date, so I don't think most people know he is gay. He told me that if anyone questioned me about his sexual orientation to tell them to ask him in person, so it's a topic I never bring up.

Should I talk to my son about his uncle being gay before he moves in with him? My brother lives alone with his dog in a nice house with extra rooms.

CAUTIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Talking to your son may not be necessary. If he and his uncle have agreed on the living arrangement, the chances are good that the subject has already been mentioned or is not an issue.

DEAR ABBY: I know a girl through work I'll call Lydia. She is a hard worker and a great mom and wife. She has a loving husband and three great children under 19. Her youngest just started driving. Lydia hosts all the parties and holidays. Everyone thinks she has a perfect life, and she's the Rock of Gibraltar. If anyone has a problem, they go to her.

Not long after I started working here, there was a terrible tragedy in Lydia's family (it didn't involve her husband or children, but another relative). She is very depressed and doesn't seem to be able to pull herself out of it. I know everyone is busy with their own lives, but how can I get her friends—or anyone—to help her through this?

Abby, she is such a beautiful and kind person, I feel terrible for her. I have only been at this job six months, and I don't really know anyone. She never talks about it at work. But I can see the difference in her.

LENDING A HAND IN NEW YORK

DEAR LENDING: You are kind to want to help Lydia. Because you are concerned about her, speak to her privately. Tell her how terrific you think she is, and you know she has been going through a difficult time. Then tell her that if she wants to talk or there is anything you can do to help, all she has to do is let you know.

DEAR ABBY: Please help settle a debate, and let me know if I am right or wrong. Is it rude to drop my girlfriend off at the door of a restaurant and go and park the car? When I walk in, she is already seated, and I have to go and look for her.

RUDE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR RUDE: If the weather is bad, leaving your girlfriend at the door of the restaurant while you park the car is considerate. If having to look for her bothers you, she should tell the host or hostess that her friend will be in in a minute and to please let him know where she is seated. Her being seated is actually a help. She should also keep her eye on the front door and, when you come through, flag you to where she is sitting.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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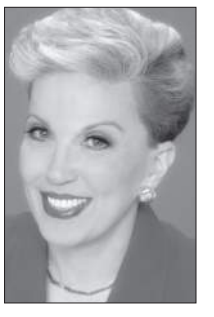

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

THERE! A FULL PITCHER OF "CALVIN'S CURATIVE ELIXIR"! WE'LL CHARGE PEOPLE A BUCK A GLASS AND GET RICH!
BUT THAT'S JUST DIRTY WATER FROM THE DRAINAGE DITCH! THERE ARE LEAVES IN IT!
"FORTIFIED WITH CHLOROPHYLL," WE'LL SAY.
NOBODY'S GOING TO PAY TO DRINK THAT! ANYONE CAN SEE IT'S FILTHY! IT'S SLUDGE!
HMM... MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
PITCHER OF PLAGUE
CALVIN'S DEBILITATING DISEASE DRINK!
$1.00 NOT TO HAVE ONE

Garfield®

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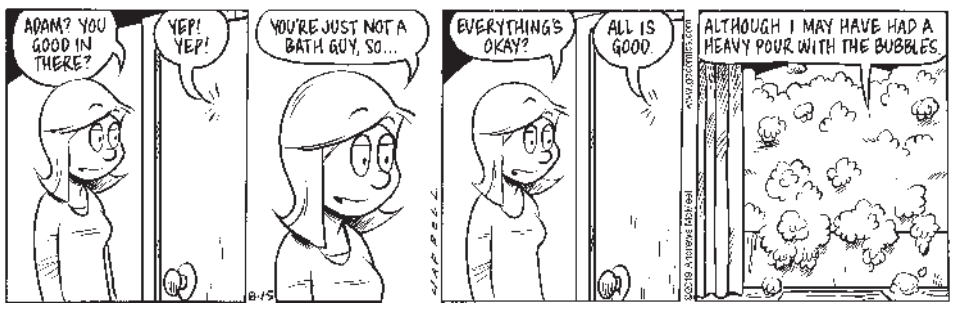
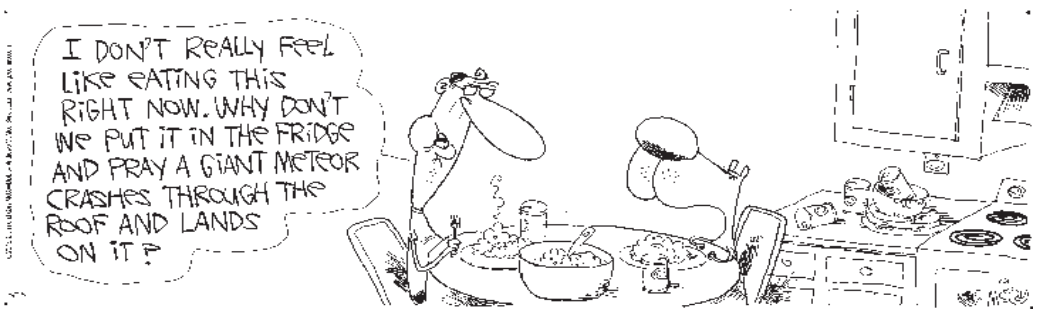

ADAM? YOU GOOD IN THERE?
YEP! YEP!
YOU'RE JUST NOT A BATH GUY, SO...
EVERYTHING'S OKAY?
ALL IS GOOD
ALTHOUGH I MAY HAVE HAD A HEAVY POUR WITH THE BUBBLES.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE EATING THIS RIGHT NOW. WHY DON'T WE PUT IT IN THE FRIDGE AND PRAY A GIANT METEOR CRASHES THROUGH THE ROOF AND LANDS ON IT?

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Squad
5 Josh
8 Pen tips
12 Head light?
13 Mineral suffix
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52 Cash advance
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4 Nickname
5 Russian ballet company
6 Judge Lance
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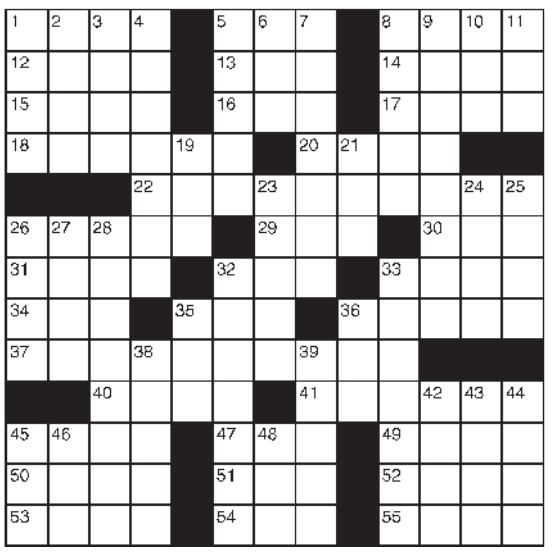
9 Sensed
10 Sheepish remark
11 Farm pen
19 Corp. boss
21 Enjoy Aspen
23 Perfect
24 Zilch
25 Eve's grandson
26 Laugh-a-minute
27 Director Preminger
28 Armageddon
32 Gun holder
33 Appealing
35 Arthur of "Maude"
36 High school subj.
38 Giraffe features
39 "Frasier" pooch
42 Combine
43 Eventful periods
44 Painter Magritte
45 Dime portrait
46 Roth svgs. plan
48 Carte lead-in

Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 8-15



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jennifer Lawrence, 29; Joe Jonas, 30; Anthony Anderson, 49; Debra Messing, 51.

Happy Birthday: Don't give away your secrets. You learn more when you listen. Consider the changes going on around you and if they are suitable for what you have in store. Inconsistency will be the enemy this year, and determining what you want and going after it is your mission. Opportunity, romance and commitment are heading your way. Your numbers are 4, 12, 20, 24, 32, 36, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Share your thoughts with someone who can fill in the blanks, and together, you will come up with a plan that works. Stick close to those you trust to help you make the right decision. Once you decide, forge ahead in earnest. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Take a deep breath, look at whatever situation you face logistically and refuse to let stubbornness or ego get in the way of making the right decision. Dealing with friends, peers, children or your lover will be emotional. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* A chance to get ahead will be yours. Mix business with pleasure, and keep those you love well-informed about your plans and the options that lay ahead. Knowing where everyone you care about stands will make it easier to move forward. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* You may not like to disrupt your daily routine, but you stand to prosper if you are open to trying something new. Don't pay into something you don't believe in or cannot afford. Choose wisely. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Don't feel you have to make a move because someone else does. Look at the logistics of staying put and what it will save you financially. Do what works best for you. Concentrate more on your relationships with loved ones. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Make changes that ease stress and make you feel comfortable with the people and decisions you make. Don't feel pressured to do something you don't want to do because someone is trying to manipulate you. Just say no. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Participate in functions that allow you to use your skills and meet people who can offer something in return. Your input and hands-on help will put you in a good position that can lead to a timely suggestion. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Personal or professional problems will mount if you let your emotions take over. Be practical, and only implement or agree to changes that will play out in everyone's favor. Personal and spiritual growth should be priorities. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Explore your options. Set up an interview or business trip, or attend a conference, and you'll gain the experience you need to step up a notch or two professionally. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't hesitate to make a change at home if it will bring you closer to your personal goal. Taking a different approach to an old problem will help you eliminate what's been stopping you from getting what you want. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Look at an offer you receive. Any deal that appears to be too good to be true probably isn't worthwhile. Get what you want in writing before you agree to move forward. Romance is on the rise. Partnerships look promising. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't offer help expecting something in return. Have a set amount of time or money you want to contribute in mind. Someone is likely to take advantage of you if you are accommodating. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are caring, emotional and outgoing. You are assertive and enthusiastic.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	1			9		
	9		8	2		
8					5	3
	4		3	5	7	
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

7	2	9	1	3	4	6	5	8
1	6	8	7	2	5	4	9	3
3	4	5	9	6	8	1	2	7
4	7	6	2	1	9	8	3	5
5	9	2	8	4	3	7	1	6
8	1	3	6	5	7	2	4	9
9	3	7	4	8	1	5	6	2
6	8	4	5	9	2	3	7	1
2	5	1	3	7	6	9	8	4

Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/15

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

IMPORTANT COMMODITIES Solution: 5 letters

E	P	W	P	S	S	G	G	E	S	E	E	H	C	D
E	L	H	O	O	R	A	N	G	E	S	R	T	E	A
F	A	E	R	E	W	E	C	I	U	J	U	R	R	E
F	T	A	C	R	D	E	T	G	O	T	C	E	E	L
O	I	T	A	T	C	A	R	U	E	O	E	B	A	E
C	N	G	C	O	R	N	R	K	P	N	S	M	L	G
B	U	T	T	E	R	I	R	T	I	M	R	A	M	N
S	M	T	V	E	Y	A	C	L	U	E	O	O	T	A
O	O	L	P	N	M	E	O	I	H	N	N	C	A	H
N	I	P	D	E	L	S	L	T	T	E	O	S	E	C
S	O	L	T	R	A	E	S	R	Y	Y	T	C	M	X
C	O	A	S	G	H	E	K	E	A	E	A	I	O	E
G	L	A	E	Y	V	F	N	C	E	B	L	M	D	C
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1 SUPERVISOR
3 WAITRESS

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(04) **Warehouse worker** - $7.93 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Receive, store, and issue materials, equipment, and other items from stockroom, warehouse, or storage yard. Keep records and compile stock reports. Pack and unpack items to be stocked on shelves in stockrooms, warehouses, or storage yards. Store items in an orderly and accessible manner in warehouses, tool rooms, supply rooms, or other areas. Examine and inspect stock items for wear or defects, reporting any damage to supervisors. Receive and count stock items, and record data manually or using a computer. Mark stock items using identification tags, stamps, electric marking tools, or other labeling equipment.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
High School Graduate;
At least 12 months experience;
Must have knowledge in the inventory of construction materials and tools.

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(02) **STEEL WORKERS** $14.53 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Raise, place, and unite iron or steel girders, columns, and other structural members to form completed structures or structural frameworks. May erect metal storage tanks and assemble prefabricated metal buildings. Read specifications or blueprints to determine the locations, quantities, or sizes of materials required. Connect columns, beams, and girders with bolts, following blueprints and instructions from supervisors. Bolt aligned structural steel members in position for permanent riveting, bolting, or welding into place. Fasten structural steel members to hoist cables, using chains, cables, or rope. Hoist steel beams, girders, or columns into place, using cranes or signaling hoisting equipment operators to lift and position structural steel members.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
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(02) SALES PERSON - $8.57 to 8.88 per hour plus 1.5 OT
Full time, 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Sell merchandise, such as furniture, motor vehicles and parts, appliances, or apparel to consumers. Greet customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs. Recommend, select, and help locate or obtain merchandise based on customer needs and desires. Compute sales prices, total purchases, and receive and process cash or credit payment. Prepare merchandise for purchase or rental. Answer questions regarding the store and its merchandise.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate or its equivalence;
- At least 12 months experience
- Must be knowledgeable in operating PC, adding machine, electric typewriter

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(15) **Auto Technician** $7.98 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Master mechanics repair virtually any part on the vehicle or specialize in the transmission system. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools

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(30) **CARPENTER/LABOR** $9.76 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Help carpenters by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Clean work areas, machines, or equipment, to maintain a clean and safe job site. Fasten timbers or lumber with glue, screws, pegs, or nails and install hardware. Perform tie spacing layout and measure, mark, drill or cut. Select tools, equipment, or materials from storage and transport items to work site. Drill holes in timbers or lumber.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 12 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools.

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(4) **CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN** 14.18 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Apply theory and principles of civil engineering in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of structures and facilities under the direction of engineering staff or physical scientists. Calculate dimensions, square footage, profile and component specifications, and material quantities using calculator or computer. Read and review project blueprints and structural specifications to determine dimensions of structure or system and material requirements. Draft detailed dimensional drawings and design layouts for projects and to ensure conformance to specifications. Confer with supervisor to determine project details such as plan preparation, acceptance testing, and evaluation of field conditions. Analyze proposed site factors and design maps, graphs, tracings, and diagrams to illustrate findings.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- Associate Graduate;
- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in practical application of Engineering Science and Technology

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(02) **Environmental Health and Safety Manager** $10. 65 to 10.65 per hour, plus 1.5 OT, Full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Review, evaluate, and analyze work environments and design programs and procedures to control, eliminate, and prevent disease or injury caused by chemical, physical, and biological agents or ergonomic factors. May conduct inspections and enforce adherence to laws and regulations governing the health and safety of individuals. May be employed in the public or private sector. Includes environmental protection officers. Order suspension of activities that pose threats to workers' health or safety. Investigate accidents to identify causes or to determine how such accidents might be prevented in the future. Recommend measures to help protect workers from potentially hazardous work methods, processes, or materials. Inspect or evaluate workplace environments, equipment, or practices to ensure compliance with safety standards and government regulations. Develop or maintain hygiene programs, such as noise surveys, continuous atmosphere monitoring, ventilation surveys, or asbestos management plans.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- Bachelor's Degree;
- At least 24 months experience in safety standards;
- Must possess various safety training certificates.

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(04) **Interior Designer** - $8.48 to 9.32 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time, 40 hours a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Plan, design, and furnish interiors of residential, commercial, or industrial buildings. Formulate design which is practical, aesthetic, and conducive to intended purposes, such as raising productivity, selling merchandise, or improving life style. May specialize in a particular field, style, or phase of interior design. Design plans to be safe and to be compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Coordinate with other professionals, such as contractors, architects, engineers, and lumbers, to ensure job success. Inspect construction work on site to ensure its adherence to the design plans. Use computer-aided drafting (CAD) and related software to produce construction documents. Advise client on interior design factors such as space planning, layout and use of furnishings or equipment, and color coordination.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's Degree;
At least 24 months experience;
Must have knowledge of design techniques, tools, and principles involved in the production of precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings, and models

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(2) **MATERIAL CONTROL MANAGER** $9.02 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Weigh, measure, and check materials, supplies, and equipment for the purpose of keeping relevant records. Duties are primarily clerical by nature. Manage, collect and keep record of samples of products or materials. Document quantity, quality, type, weight, test result data, and value of materials or products to maintain shipping, receiving, and production records and files. Weigh or measure materials, equipment, or products to maintain relevant records, using volume meters, scales, rules, or calipers. Collect or prepare measurement, weight, or identification labels and attach them to products. Examine products or materials, parts, subassemblies, and packaging for damage, defects, or shortages, using specification sheets, gauges, and standards charts. Signal or instruct other workers to weigh, move, or check products

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 12 months experience
- Knowledge of raw materials, production processes, quality control, costs, and other techniques for maximizing the effective manufacture and distribution of goods.

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(06) **Mechanics** $7.98 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time 40 hrs. a week, Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles. Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, reline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 24 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools and testers.

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(05) SERVICE TECHNICIAN- $10.58 per hour, plus 1.5 OT
Full time 40hrs.a week, Monday to Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Help plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, or pipelayers by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Measure, cut, thread and assemble new pipe, placing the assembled pipe in hangers or other supports. Cut or drill holes in walls or floors to accommodate the passage of pipes. Perform rough-ins, repair and replace fixtures and water heaters, and locate, repair, or remove leaking or broken pipes. Assist pipe fitters in the layout, assembly, and installation of piping for air, ammonia, gas, and water systems. Cut pipe and lift up to fitters. Fit or assist in fitting valves, couplings, or assemblies to tanks, pumps, or systems, using hand tools. Requisition tools and equipment, select type and size of the pipe, and collect and transport materials and equipment to work site. Mount brackets and hangers on walls and ceilings to hold pipes, and set sleeves or inserts to provide support for pipes. Excavate and grade ditches, and lay and join pipe for water and sewer service. Disassemble and remove the damaged or worn pipe.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
- High School Graduate;
- At least 12 months experience
- Knowledge in using hand and power tools.

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Hardware Sales Associate
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Qualification Requirements: Knowledge in Computer systems and Electronics such as peach tree, rock solid, microsoft excel, word, access, power point, data base and computer system. Knowledge of business management involve in strategic planning, human resources, leadership technique, production method. Good in customer and personal service. Ability in oral comprehension & expression and written comprehension. With Employment Certificate as office supervisor. Employment certificate will be applied equally to both U.S. Workers and CW-1 workers. At least 24 months work related experience with Associate Degree. Salary $12.41/hr. This job opportunity is a temporary full time position. Deduction all required by CNMI and Federal Law. From Mon-Fri. 36hr/week/7 hr /day.

Dept Hardware Sale Supervisor
Qualification Requirements: Good in customer service, marketing expertise, good in computer e.g data base, rock solid system, excel, word, and other computer program, Familiar in hardware product, knowledge of business and management principle, leadership, production methods, Service oriented. Physically fit, Can able to drive. Knowledge in inventory system. Salary: $8.55-9.20/hr. This job opportunity is a temporary full time position. Deduction: All required by CNMI and Federal Law. Frm: Mon-Sun 7 hrs a day(flexible time and day). 36 hrs /week.

Electrician
Qualification Requirements: At least 24 months work related experience with Associate Degree. Knowledge in all aspect of electrical .eg. installation, plan, lay out, repair, trouble shooting, inspect electrical or electronics system for defects. Good in computer system, data base, Microsoft excel, word, peach tree system, drafting. Knowledge in sales and marketing of electrical product. Good in customer service, with electrical license and diploma and with driver license. Salary: 9:60 hr. This job opportunity is a temporary full time position. Deduction: All required by CNMI and Federal Law. From: Mon-Sat 6 hrs. / day, 36 hrs. /week.

Applicant may submit application to 2nd flr Yumul bldg. Mnsgr Guerrero Rd Chalan Kiya Saipan MP 96950 or email to ycocorporationlabor@yahoo.com. From Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. Tel (670)233-3112/3.

YCO Corporation is looking for the following position:

Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
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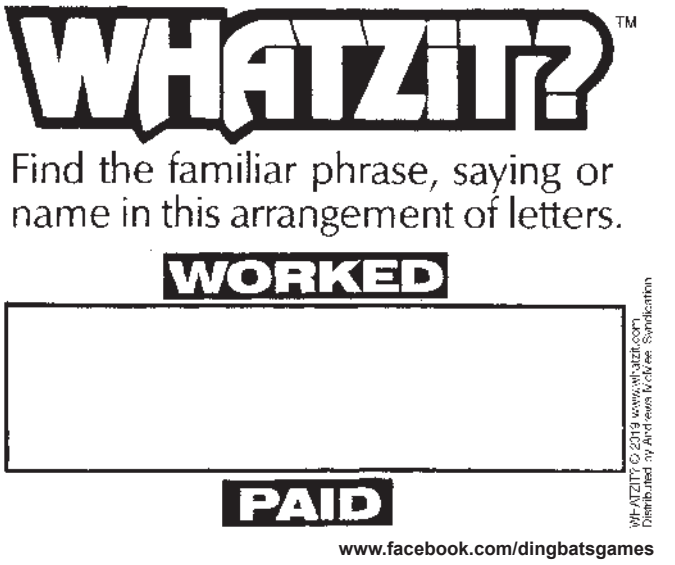
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LaFleur: Rodgers to play 'a quarter or so' vs Ravens

Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws a pass during the NFL football team's Family Night practice Friday Aug 2, 2019. in Green Bay, Wis. AP

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—For the first time this preseason, the world will have the opportunity to see what Aaron Rodgers looks like in Matt LaFleur's offense.

The Packers' first-year coach said Tuesday that Rodgers and the rest of the first-team offense and first-team defense will play for about "a quarter or so" on Thursday when Green Bay heads to Baltimore to face the Ravens in their second preseason game.

"We're always fluid with that, dependent upon how the game goes and how much time they have," LaFleur said. "But everybody should be prepared to play about a quarter or so."

Thursday will be Rodgers' preseason debut after the 15th-year pro watched the entire preseason opener against the Texans last week from the sideline in warmups while listening to the offensive communications on his headset.

Rodgers said he wants to make sure he stays healthy and plays efficient football on Thursday night.

"It will be a good test for our first time running this offense in another stadium, on the road, against a really good defense," he said.

For the umpteenth time, Rodgers was asked on Tuesday about his relationship with LaFleur. Specifically, Rodgers was asked what he wishes people knew about his relationship with his new coach who is just four years his senior.

"We have a great line of communication," he said. "But I'm not sitting up here wishing people—'I wish you just knew this'—I don't care. Look, I don't need to go out and prove to anybody how great Matt and I are getting along, or him stand up there and say how great it's been. Look, we're having a great time communicating, and the conjecture is for clickbait news stories you guys can put on your websites."

Rodgers said the dialogue between him and LaFleur has been great because Rodgers knows who's the boss—LaFleur.

LaFleur said Rodgers' backfield mate, running back Aaron Jones, will not play. Jones, who led the team with 728 yards on the ground last season, participated in his first team (11-on-11) period on Tuesday after missing six practices and the preseason opener because of a hamstring issue.

"I wouldn't even call it an injury; it was just tight," Jones said.

The defense will be without outside linebacker Oren Burks indefinitely. Burks said he initially thought he would need to undergo season-ending surgery to repair a pectoral muscle he injured last week against the Texans. Burks said a specialist determined that it would heal on its own.

"I'm really hoping that Oren's thing is going to be really short term and we'll get him back here quicker," Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst. "Right now, I'd just kind of like to get through this next game, kind of see where we're at, see where Oren's at."

Burks said he's day to day and there is no timetable for his return.

Patriots release Etling

In Massachusetts, quarterback Danny Etling's tenure with the Patriots has come to an end.

The Patriots completed a trade with Atlanta on Tuesday to acquire tight end Eric Saubert for a conditional draft pick. The Patriots released Etling to make room for Saubert on the 53-man roster.

Etling, a seventh-round pick out of LSU in 2018, spent last season on the practice squad. After the Patriots drafted Jarrett Stidham in April, Etling tried to convert to wide receiver. But competition at the position pushed him far down the depth chart.

Saubert, who is entering his third season, had five catches for 48 yards for the Falcons in 2018. He played in 16 games with one start. He had one catch for 7 yards in the Falcons' first two preseason games.

Jets sign Cooper

In New Jersey, the New York Jets have signed veteran cornerback Marcus Cooper for depth in their depleted secondary.

The team also announced Tuesday it waived tight end Nick Truesdell to make room on the roster.

Cooper has played in 74 games, including 28 starts, in stints with San Francisco, Kansas City, Arizona, Chicago and Detroit in six NFL seasons. He was released by the Lions on Monday.

The 2013 seventh-round draft pick out of Rutgers has seven career interceptions with 36 passes defensed and 154 tackles.

The Jets need experience and depth at the position after losing No. 1 cornerback Trumaine Johnson to a hamstring injury that could sideline him the rest of the preseason. Promising rookie Kyron Brown is also dealing with an injured hamstring after he had worked his way into the mix to start.

Murray ready for more playing time in 2nd preseason game

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Kyler Murray's playing time figures to increase from the one drive the rookie quarterback led in the Arizona Cardinals' first preseason game last week, a 17-13 win over the Los Angeles Chargers.

But the Cardinals and coach Kliff Kingsbury continue to limit the play selection so as not to put Kingsbury's actual offense—the one being touted given his college coaching background—on display.

Murray seems confident in his knowledge of it, no matter what plays are called in what might be two series of playing time Thursday night against the Oakland Raiders.

"I kind of know what it looks like. I know it will work," Murray said. "It's hard for teams to prepare for what we will do. We're not game-planning anybody right now. But I have confidence in it. Obviously we're not giving everybody the full thing, but when we get out there full speed, moving around, it will be good."

Murray looked accurate and mobile in going 6 for 7 for 44 yards last week. Of note in practice this week, Murray took snaps under center as opposed to the shotgun formation. He's thrown a number of interceptions in practice, but doesn't seem fazed much by them.

"It is what it is. You've got to have short memory," Murray said.

Murray turns interceptions into learning experiences. He's working against star cornerback Patrick Peterson with the No. 1 defense in practice, and Peterson has picked off his teammate.

"Some of them I know I'm not supposed to throw but I'll throw anyway," Murray said. "Just having him out here for the time being, having to use him, asking him questions on what works as far as routes go, what he sees, it helps a lot. He's one of the greatest to play the game."

Peterson can play in preseason games and practice with the team until the regular season, when his six-game suspension begins.

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"Kyler's going to be ready," Peterson said. "The thing I like about him, watching him from college, he gets better as the game goes along.

"Now he understands what he can and can't do in a game," Peterson added. "But he can make all the throws that he needs to."

Peterson's snaps with the No. 1 defense will decrease as the preseason goes on, with the Cardinals having to replace him during his absence with either Tramaine Brock or rookie Byron Murphy. That was the plan going into training camp, and Peterson said he was aware of it all along.

"The reps are going to start scaling back next week," Peterson said, adding that he isn't likely to play in the third preseason game and definitely not the fourth.

Kingsbury said Peterson will get his starting job back upon his return.

NFL teaming with Jay-Z on entertainment and social activism

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL and Jay-Z's entertainment and sports representation company are teaming up for events and social activism.

The league not only will use Jay-Z's Roc Nation to consult on its entertainment presentations, including the Super Bowl halftime show, but will work with the rapper and entrepreneur's company to "strengthen community through music and the NFL's Inspire Change initiative."

Inspire Change was created by the league after an agreement with a coalition of players who demonstrated during the national anthem to protest social and racial injustice in this country. Those demonstrations were sparked by former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick kneeling during the national anthem in 2016.

NFL owners agreed to contribute up to $89 million over six years toward causes players were supporting. Commissioner Roger Goodell sees the partnership with Roc Nation as a significant step in several directions.

"Roc Nation is one of the most globally influential and impactful organizations in entertainment," Goodell said. "The NFL and Roc Nation share a vision of inspiring meaningful social change across our country. We are thrilled to partner with Roc Nation and look forward to making a difference in our communities together."

While the entertainment portion of the deal is important—Roc Nation's stable includes Rihanna, Mariah Carey, Shakira and, of course, Jay-Z—much emphasis from both the league and the representation group is being placed on the social relations aspect of the agreement. For Inspire Change to succeed, it must have strong roots within the communities that are most affected by the issues the players want addressed: criminal justice reform; relationships with police; economic growth opportunities; and educational progress.

Bumgarner pitches Giants past Athletics

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—As he often does, Madison Bumgarner helped the Giants win with his big left arm and his bat.

MadBum just put down a perfect bunt this time instead of swinging for the fences.

"Whenever it's a situation like that, no doubt, yeah," he said.

Bumgarner struck out nine over seven innings and outdueled fellow left-hander Brett Anderson, pitching San Francisco past the Oakland Athletics 3-2 on Tuesday night despite a late threat.

Bumgarner (8-7), 5-0 over his last 10 starts with the Giants going 9-1, allowed two hits and didn't walk a batter for the sixth time this year. He also laid down a sacrifice bunt in the seventh that led to pinch-hitter Scooter Gennett's sacrifice fly and a key insurance run.

"Bum helped win that game with the bunt," manager Bruce Bochy said.

Evan Longoria and Kevin Pillar each hit RBI doubles during a string of three straight two-out doubles by the Giants in the sixth against Anderson (10-8).

"If I could change one pitch it would be the one to Pillar. Ultimately that was the deciding factor," Anderson said.

Stephen Piscotty homered in the fifth, but otherwise Bumgarner shut down the powerful A's lineup. Oakland faced a lefty starter for the fourth time in six games after doing so just once the previous 18.

Yankees 8, Orioles 3

In New York, Domingo Germán pitched seven strong innings to become the first 16-game winner in the majors and the Yankees beat Baltimore, running their winning streak over the Orioles to 15 games.

Germán allowed two runs, five hits, struck out seven, walked one and won his career-high seventh straight decision.

DJ LeMahieu homered on the first pitch he saw to get the Yankees going. Aaron Judge added a two-run double in New York's four-run fourth.

Gio Urshela had three more hits, including an RBI single in the fourth. Cameron Maybin had a two-run single in the second while Gary Sánchez and Mike Tauchman added RBI doubles as the Yankees totaled 15 hits.

Braves 5, Mets 3

In Atlanta, Ronald Acuña Jr. homered and threw out a runner at the plate to back Max Fried's fifth straight win, leading Atlanta past New York.

Acuña sparked a two-run first against Zack Wheeler by leading off with a long single off the wall in right-center, coming around to score his 100th run of the season. In the fourth, he lined a 409-foot drive into the left-field seats for his 34th homer.

Acuña ended the sixth by scooping up a single to left by Juan Lagares and rifling a one-hop throw to the plate to get Todd Frazier trying to score from second.

Red Sox 7, Indians 6, 10 innings

In Cleveland, Jackie Bradley Jr. homered with one out in the 10th inning as Boston edged the Indians after blowing a late lead and potential win for ace Chris Sale.

Rafael Devers had six hits—four doubles— and made a costly error at third base for the Red Sox, who won for just the fourth time in 16 games.

Bradley hit his 14th homer of the season off Nick Wittgren (4-1).

It was anything but easy as Boston blew a 6-1 lead over the final four innings, costing Sale his seventh win on a night when he also made history by getting to 2,000 career strikeouts faster than any other pitcher.

Brandon Workman (9-1) got the win despite letting the Indians tie it in the ninth.

Nationals 3, Reds 1

In Washington, Brian Dozier hit his 17th home run and Juan Soto hit a second-deck shot for his 25th , and Joe Ross extended his scoreless streak to 17 1/3 innings as the Nationals beat Cincinnati.

Ross (3-3) allowed one run and five hits in his 6 2/3 innings; the run came when the final batter the righty faced, José Iglesias, delivered an RBI single.

Daniel Hudson earned his third save of the season as Washington won its third game in a row.

Blue Jays 3, Rangers 0

In Toronto, Five Blue Jays pitchers combined on a five-hitter, Teoscar Hernandez and Billy McKinney hit back-to-back home runs, and the Blue Jays beat slumping Texas.

Blue Jays outfielder Randal Grichuk celebrated his 28th birthday with a solo home run as Toronto won for the fifth time in seven games.

Texas has lost six of seven, a stretch in which the Rangers have been shut out twice and scored more than three runs just once.

Font struck out two and allowed one hit in two innings before making way for left-hander Thomas Pannone (3-5), who worked four shutout innings. Ken Giles finished for his 15th save in 16 opportunities.

AP

San Francisco Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner throws to an Oakland Athletics batter during the first inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019.

Phillies 4, Cubs 2

In Philadelphia, J.T. Realmuto homered and drove in the tie-breaking run with an RBI double in the seventh inning to lift the Phillies over Chicago.

The Phillies will have a familiar face in the dugout Wednesday when new hitting coach Charlie Manuel arrives. The franchise icon was hired to replace John Mallee as hitting coach earlier in the day. He's got a lot of work to do to revive an underachieving offense that overcame 15 strikeouts for the win, but the pitching staff did the job against the NL Central leaders.

Jason Vargas allowed two runs and five hits in six innings. Blake Parker (2-2) and Mike Morin each tossed a hitless inning and Hector Neris finished for his 21st save in 25 chances.

Dodgers 15, Marlins 1

In Miami, rookie Will Smith had his first two-homer game, and Los Angeles twice hit back-to-back homers in a rout of Miami.

Cody Bellinger tied a career high with his 39th home run and Justin Turner hit his 20th for the Dodgers, who totaled six homers, a season-high 13 extra-base hits and no singles until there were two out in the ninth.

The six homers tied the record for most by a team at pitcher-friendly Marlins Park, which opened in 2012.

Rookie Dustin May (1-1), making his third career start, earned his first win by allowing one run in 5 2/3 innings.

Astros 6, White Sox 2, 1st Game
White Sox 4, Astros 1, 2nd Game

In Chicago, Ivan Nova tossed a four-hitter and the White Sox took advantage of an injury to Houston ace Gerrit Cole for a win and split of a doubleheader.

Houston won the first game behind six solid innings from Zack Greinke in his second start with the Astros and solo home runs by George Springer and José Altuve.

Cole didn't start because of right hamstring discomfort. Instead, righty Chris Devenski (2-1) took the mound and lasted just two innings in taking the loss.

Nova (8-9) limited high-scoring Houston to one unearned run and walked none in his second complete game this season and 10th of his career. After hitting Carlos Correa with a pitch in the fourth, the right hander retired 16 straight batters.

Ryan Goins drove in two runs with a single to cap Chicago's three-run second inning. Ryan Cordell doubled in a run and Adam Engel added an RBI single.

In the opener, Greinke (12-4) allowed two runs on seven hits in winning for the second time since Houston acquired him from Arizona in a deal at the trade deadline. He struck out six, walked two and hit a batter in a 102-pitch outing.

Mariners 11, Tigers 6

In Detroit, Kyle Seager homered three times and Tom Murphy added two to lead Seattle past Detroit.

Seager and Murphy hit back-to-back homers in the fourth and sixth innings before Seager added his third in the ninth. It was the first three-homer game of Seager's career.

Zac Grotz (1-0) picked up his first win with 1 2/3 innings of relief.

Detroit lost for the ninth time in 12 games and fell to 16-42 at home.

Cardinals 2, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Jack Flaherty tossed seven innings of three-hit ball, Tommy Edman and Paul Goldschmidt drove in the only runs and St. Louis beat Kansas City.

Flaherty (6-6) struck out seven with a lone walk. The right-hander headed for the showers after throwing 110 pitches, and the St. Louis bullpen nailed down the win. Carlos Martínez got the final two outs, completing the four-hitter and earning his 13th save.

Glenn Sparkman (3-8) did everything the Royals asked over six sharp innings. He allowed two runs, one of them earned, but still hasn't won since a July 16 shutout of the White Sox.

Twins 7, Brewers 5

In Milwaukee, Christian Yelich returned to the starting lineup and sparked a late rally, but it wasn't enough for the Milwaukee as Marwin Gonzalez hit a three-run home run off of Josh Hader to propel Minnesota to a come-from-behind win.

With Milwaukee trailing 4-1 in the seventh inning, Yelich hit an RBI double and scored on Yasmani Grandal's three-run home run, his 20th of the season. That gave the Brewers a 5-4 lead.

But Gonzalez followed in the eighth with his blast, his 14th, to put the Twins ahead to stay.

Diamondbacks 9, Rockies 3

In Denver, Jarrod Dyson homered on the second pitch of the game during a five-run first inning and was later involved in a quirky double play as Arizona beat Colorado.

It was Dyson's third career leadoff homer—all this season. Christian Walker, Nick Ahmed and David Peralta added two-run homers off Jeff Hoffman (1-4), who was making an emergency start following Jon Gray's late scratch due to left ankle soreness. Hoffman surrendered seven runs over two innings.

Venus upsets Bertens; Serena withdraws

MASON, Ohio (AP)—Going small paid off big for Venus Williams.

Tuesday didn't go as well for sister Serena.

On a day when back problems forced the younger Williams to withdraw before her second-round match, Venus Williams reached the third round of the Western & Southern Open with a 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4) upset of defending champion Kiki Bertens. Her key? Not going for it.

"I just tried not to go too big, because I can go so big and I have a lot of power and it's not always easy to control it," the 39-year-old Williams said. "So I'm trying to play smart instead of going hog wild, which is extremely easy to do."

Hours before her match was scheduled to begin, Serena Williams withdrew, citing the same back injury that forced her to retire from the Rogers Cup final on Sunday in Toronto. The injury raises questions about Serena's fitness ahead of the U.S. Open, which starts Aug. 26.

"I came to Mason on Sunday and have tried everything to be ready to play tonight, and was still hopeful after my practice this morning, but unfortunately, my back is still not right, and I know I should not take to the court," Serena, winner of 23 Grand Slam titles and a two-time champion at Cincinnati, said in a statement.

Venus, a seven-time Grand Slam champion, is the oldest woman in the draw. She has made her deepest Cincinnati run since reaching the 2012 semifinals.

AP

Venus Williams of the United States hits balls to the fans after her win against Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament in Mason, Ohio, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019.

"It was just a second round, though," Venus said. "For me, it's just round-by-round. I have a third round to play. I'm ready for the next round."

Bertens, seeded fifth, rallied from deficits of 3-0 and 5-2 in the third set to force a tiebreaker. The 2-hour, 17-minute match ended when she sailed a forehand wide.

"I didn't do the things I was doing well coming back — playing aggressive, going for my shots," Bertens said about the tiebreaker. "I didn't do that anymore in the tiebreak, so there she could play her game again, which she did pretty good, I would say."

On a star-studded day that was scheduled to include Serena and Roger Federer in the evening session, top-seeded and defending champion Novak Djokovic cruised into the third round with a 7-5, 6-1 win over wild card Sam Querrey.

Federer, the third seed who was playing for the first time since Wimbledon, needed 61 minutes—not including a 61-minute rain delay—to defeat Juan Ignacio Londerom 6-3, 6-4.

Djokovic felt a little rusty in his first match since his epic Wimbledon final triumph over Federer on July 14.

"It was kind of a nervous start," he said. "I hadn't played in weeks. It took time to adjust. It was a tricky match against a qualify opponent. He's a big hitter. I was happy to be tested."

Two-time Grand Slam-champion Petra Kvitova didn't weather the rain delay as well as Federer. The sixth seed lost to Maria Sakkari 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

Counting Serena Williams, Kvitova was one of six seeded women to withdraw or be eliminated on Tuesday in this U.S. Open tuneup. Thirteenth-seeded Angelique Kerber was knocked out by unseeded Annett Kontaveit 7-6 (7), 6-2, and 15th-seeded Qiang Wang lost to Su-Wei Hsieh 6-3, 6-4.

Two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka, who won Cincinnati in 2013, reached the second round after 12th-seeded Belinda Bencic retired because of an injured left foot while trailing 6-4, 1-0.

Madison Keys, the 16th seed, pulled out a 6-7 (4), 7-6 (5), 6-4 win over two-time Grand Slam winner and 2017 Cincinnati champion Garbine Muguruza.

Gauff gets US Open wild-card entry

Coco Gauff will get a chance to try for an encore: The 15-year-old from Florida received a wild-card entry Tuesday for the U.S. Open's main draw.

It will be Gauff's second Grand Slam tournament. She made a magical run to the fourth round at Wimbledon last month after getting a wild card into the qualifying rounds there.

Ranked just 313th at the time, Gauff became the youngest player to qualify for Wimbledon, upset five-time champion Venus Williams in the first round and wound up losing at the All England Club to eventual title winner Simona Halep.

Gauff is currently No. 140 in the WTA rankings. She initially made a mark at age 13 by becoming the youngest U.S. Open junior finalist in history; she won the French Open junior title at 14.

Age restrictions set up by the women's professional tour limit the number of tournaments someone who is 15 can enter and the number of wild-card invitations she can be offered—and Gauff already has accepted three wild cards elsewhere. But according to the WTA, the U.S. Tennis Association— which runs a Grand Slam tournament, and so is not overseen by the WTA or ATP tours— essentially can choose to ignore the eligibility rule and offer Gauff a wild card.

"I want to thank the USTA for the opportunity to participate in my home slam," Gauff said in a statement emailed by her agent. "I look forward to playing my first main draw at the U.S. Open."

Among the other players receiving wild cards from the USTA on Tuesday for the women's field at Flushing Meadows in New York City were 2011 U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur—an Australian who was granted that country's reciprocal berth—and 17-year-old Caty McNally, an American who won the doubles title with Gauff and reached the singles semifinals at the Citi Open in Washington this month.

Gauff and McNally have said they plan to play doubles together at Flushing Meadows; that event's wild-card entries will be announced later. The pair won the U.S. Open junior doubles trophy together a year ago.

The draw for the U.S. Open is Aug. 22, and play in the year's last major tennis tournament begins Aug. 26.

Other women's wild cards went to Francesca Di Lorenzo, Whitney Osuigwe, Kristie Ahn and Katie Volynets of the U.S., along with 16-year-old Diane Parry of France, who got her country's reciprocal invitation.

Di Lorenzo, a 22-year-old from Ohio, is a past NCAA doubles champion now ranked 128th. Osuigwe, a 17-year-old from Florida, won a French Open junior title and is ranked 105th. Ahn, a 27-year-old from New Jersey, finished first in the USTA's wild-card challenge, while Volynets, a 17-year-old from California, won the 18s national championship.

Nine wild cards for women's qualifying were also awarded, including to five-time Grand Slam doubles champion Bethanie Mattek-Sands, 14-year-old Reese Brantmeier of Wisconsin, Vicky Duval, Shelby Rogers and Pan Am Games medalist Caroline Dolehide.

Denis Kudla, a 26-year-old from Virginia who was the highest-ranked man to miss out on making the field via direct acceptance, got into the main draw just hours after he was announced as a wild-card recipient.

So the USTA announced that Kudla's wild card would now go to Chris Eubanks, a 23-year-old from Georgia. Others getting into the main draw include Americans Jack Sock, Bjorn Fratangelo, Marcos Giron, USTA wild-card challenge winner Ernesto Escobedo and 18s national champion Zachary Svajda, along with Antoine Hoang, who got France's reciprocal entry. The Australian federation has not announced who will get its men's wild-card invitation.

Men awarded wild cards for qualifying include Sebastian Korda, the son of 1998 Australian Open champion Petr Korda, as well as last year's 18s national champion, Jenson Brooksby.

Del Potro out

Juan Martin del Potro, the 2009 champion, has withdrawn from the U.S. Open because he is still recovering from surgery on his right knee.

The 12th-ranked del Potro fractured his kneecap for the second time in less than a year while playing at grass-court tournament in June to prepare for Wimbledon.

He had an operation shortly after that and hasn't competed since.

Murray not playing singles

After the loss to Richard Gasquet in the Western & Southern Open Monday at the Lindner Family Tennis Center, Andy Murray said he will not play singles at the US Open.

"I'm not going to play the US Open singles," said Murray. "We were hoping to maybe hold a wildcard until a little bit close to the time to see how I feel and get some matches hopefully and a bit of practice, but they were announcing the wildcards today and didn't want to wait.

"I didn't want to take a wildcard today because I just didn't know how I was going to feel after a match. I felt like I wanted to be fair for me to, you know, maybe try and get a couple of matches in before making a decision like that."

Murray said he'll maybe play Winston-Salem next week, and he'll "probably" look at playing doubles and mixed doubles at the US Open.

Curry embraces Warriors' change, praises Durant

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Someday, years or even decades from now, at one of those celebratory reunions teams like to do, Stephen Curry knows he and Kevin Durant will reminisce with fondness about their three insanely successful years together on the Golden State Warriors.

They will reflect on the greatness, the fun, all they learned from each other shooting side by side day after day. Two championships, a pair of NBA Finals MVP awards for Durant.

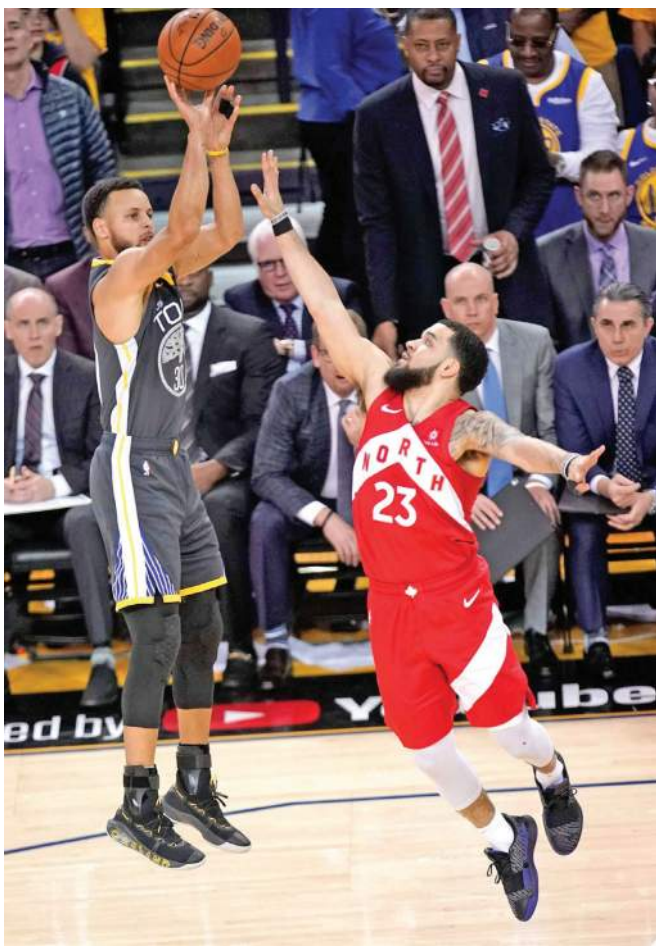
"I'll always remember the three years we had. We'll probably be back here down the road celebrating those like they did the '74-75 team," Curry said, nodding in the direction of the Warriors' recent championship banners. "It'll be cool when that happens."

For now, Curry is embracing "new beginnings" as the oldest player on a Golden State roster that will look far different come training camp next month — and that also was the theme he shared with girls attending his Warriors camp this week in one of his "bittersweet" final trips to the downtown Oakland practice facility before a move to San Francisco and the new Chase Center. Durant, recovering from surgery to repair a ruptured right Achilles tendon, has departed to join the Brooklyn Nets.

"We won two championships and I think we both got better throughout the process as basketball players and as people," Curry said. "With the demand every single night to be great and just all that that comes with, in terms of the media attention, the scrutiny, the criticism, the praise even, it's a lot to handle. And I think me and him especially on that level could connect. Him going to Brooklyn, you're just trying to make sure he's happy and going to a place where he feels like he needs to be. At the end of the day, you've got to be happy about that for him."

Also gone are veterans Andre Iguodala and Shaun Livingston, guard Quinn Cook and big man DeMarcus Cousins. Meanwhile, the Warriors have added a handful of new faces like D'Angelo Russell, Willie Cauley-Stein and Glenn Robinson III. Draymond Green got a new four-year deal earlier this month worth close to $100 million. Kevon Looney re-signed, too.

As Klay Thompson works back this season from surgery for a torn ACL in his left knee that he injured in the deciding Game 6 loss of the finals to the Toronto Raptors, Curry's backcourt mate will be Russell.



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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry shoots as Toronto Raptors guard Fred VanVleet defends during the first-half basketball action in Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Toronto, Monday, June 10, 2019.

At 31, Curry doesn't mind that he will be the quote-unquote old guy entering his 11th NBA season. A two-time NBA MVP, he has reached five straight NBA Finals.

"Has it sunk in? No. Have people been reminding me? Yes, any time they bring up our team looking forward," he said with a smile. "It's cool though, hopefully I'm wise beyond my years but still youthful in what I can do on the floor. It's just a change in dynamic all the way around. We're excited about the opportunities, the challenges for the whole roster, because we've got a lot of guys that have the opportunity to really prove themselves and make a difference in our team. Obviously our core, 'til Klay gets back, we know how to win and we know how to play. We're just going to do it a little differently."

Curry is unconcerned at this stage about outside expectations regarding how good this group might be and speculation that these Warriors may not be a championship contender.

"I know the reality of the situation in terms of we lost a guy like Kevin Durant, who's an all-time great basketball player," Curry said. "We lost two veteran high-IQ guys in Shaun and Andre that really were like the cogs in the wheel that kept us going and you could rely on them every single game. So, the look is different but nobody really has a sustained run like we did where every year you're expected to be the greatest. It's just a matter of now we have to, I wouldn't even say prove people wrong, but we have to kind of galvanize the new roster and do the exact same thing."

As he told the girl campers all sporting his No. 30 jersey, first things first.

Curry took a quick poll of how many had started school again. Dozens of hands shot into the air.

"Great to see you all again! You all having a great day, too?"

Collective "Yeah!"

"New beginnings, right? We're going to take care of our school work this year?" Curry asked. "We're going to be very dedicated and hard-working in the classroom as we are on the basketball court? That's very important to be well-rounded people, right? Athletes and academics."

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ticket at the upper half of the draw, Lee, who reached the finals of last year's competition, but lost to Australia's Amber Marshalls, 1-6, 4-6, will take on No. 3 seed Talia Gibson. The player from the Land Down Under advanced to the semis against Lee following a 6-2, 7-5 win over No. 6 and her compatriot Mia Repac.

In the other semis pairing, it will be an all-Aussie duel with No. 7 Amy Stevens facing No. 2 Natasha Russell. Stevens needed three sets to escape the upset axe of unranked Saoirse Breen in their quarterfinal game. The Fiji player, who stunned No. 4 Roopa Bains in the second round, threatened to eliminate another seeded foe after a 6-2 victory over Stevens in the first set. However, Stevens found her stride in the second set with an easy 6-1 triumph and completed the recovery with a win in the deciding third in similar scores.

While Stevens had to battle her way back into the game to make it to the Final Four, Russell faced tough competition only in the first set when she pulled off a 7-5 win over unranked Vivian Wang of New Zealand. Then in the second set, Russell coasted to a 6-0 victory to notch a semis berth.

Meanwhile, Russell is also in the doubles semis, as she and Bains escaped with a 5-7, 6-3, 11-9 victory over New Caledonia's Carolann Delaunay and Leylany Ipunesso. The No. 1 Aussies will meet Stevens and Walker in the semis of the top half of the bracket. Stevens and Walkers moved to the Final Four after eliminating New Zealand's Aimee Brown and Sasha Situe, 6-0, 6-1.

At the bottom half of the draw, Lee and her teammate, Meeka Marsgall, fell short in their semis bid. Lee and Marshall won the first set, 7-6 (6), but were beaten by the unranked duo of Charlotte Kempenaers-Pocz and Elena Micic of Australia in the last two, 6-3, 10-8.

The unseeded Australians' semis foes are fellow Aussie Catherine Aulia and Kiwi Vivian Wang, who eased past Shanelle Iaconi and Zali Morris, 6-1, 6-0.

In other results, Sean Lee is in the quarterfinals of the consolation draw after downing a qualifier (player's name was not indicated on the tournament website), 4-5 (5), 4-10, 12-10. Lee will next face Australia's Amor Jasika, who topped New Caledonia's Victor Lopes.

In the main draw, the competition is down to four players—unranked Alex Bulte, No. 3 Cihan Akay, Casey Hoole, and No. 2 Stefan Storch. Bulte posted the biggest win in the division after ousting No. 1 Cheng Dong, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

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Ballers in the nightcap.

Jandoc scored all, but one of Tsingtao's 8 markers in overtime, as he drilled three field goals in that frame, including the dagger to complete the team's come-from-behind victory.

Tsingtao faced an 8-point deficit after the third period, 43-51, but Jandoc brought the team back in the fourth and nearly won in regulation. He scored 11 points in the fourth canto, but could not give Tsingtao the victory right away, as IT&E Dark nailed important free throws down the stretch to force the standoff. Ivan Devero had three free throws, while Raymark Castro made one to bring the game in overtime.

IT&E Dark eventually fell short in the extra five minutes, as it failed to contain Jandoc, who finished with 25 markers. Devero paced IT&E Dark with his 34 points.

Meanwhile, Connie's BBQ began controlling its game against Pardz in the second quarter and managed to protect the lead in the last two periods for the team's third victory in as many games.

Joel Danao top-scored for Connie's BBQ with his 16 points and got a lot of help from his teammates. Charlie Centina added 12, Jay Cabang contributed 11, and Darwin Barbo chipped in 10.

First Game

Tsingtao Beer 74—Jandoc 25, Rivera 16, Demonteverde 10, Pangelinan 8, Giron 4, Ariar 4, Agbanlog 3.

IT&E Dark 72—Devero 34, Aguon 11, Dayrit 10, Castro 8, Cabanas 4, Cabrera 3, Alegre 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-15, 27-30, 43-51, 66-66, 74-72.

Second Game

Connie's BBQ 80—Danao 16, Centina 12, Cabang 11, Barbo 10, Esmores 9, Bongalan 6, Camacho 5, Dela Cruz 2.

Pardz Ballers 73—Jose 18, Torres 17, Bernardo 14, Hipolito 9, Ritual 8, Galulu 2, Santos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-16, 36-28, 60-50, 80-73

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Ted Vivero, Mikel Johnson, and Jun Javier. Completing the initial lineup are Bryan Bernardo, Kenta Castro, Jun Del Rosario, Jun Hernandez, Mak Mintak, Kristian Parulan, Jave and Joe Sablan, Paulo Sanguyo, and Keith Santos.

The AK Wheelers-The Game tiff is scheduled for the second game at 7:30pm, while teams seeing action in the first match at 6pm will be determined via raffle.

League commissioner Clint Albert said that although this is their pilot tournament, he anticipates a high-level competition, especially after some teams combined their players to form a formidable crew.

Saipan Vegas Aces are one of the squads considered as early favorites in the league, as they are bannered by former national players—Preston Basa, Dan Barcinas, Jack Lizama, and Douglas Schmidt—and also have youth national team members on their roster.

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Saipan Vegas' Racquel Floyd, left, and Kevin Perez, right, present the ceremonial check donation to Saipan Vegas Aces coach Greg Iginoef during the launching of the Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League yesterday at the AK Showroom in San Jose.

Co-commissioner Elias Rangamar said IT&E is one of the teams to watch, too with the veterans from the various leagues joining forces with some Sonics players. Old reliables Elmer Esdrelon, Ehroll Peredo, Darwin Barbo, and Junar Guiab will be playing with Sonics standouts Jack Aranda, Jarmark De Guzman, Sean Rabasto, Raulo Rafols, and Gerald Flores. Rounding out the IT&E lineup are Bart Demapan, Ivan Devero, Jason Palacios, Kevin Nuguid, Brendon Talania, and Marlon De Dios.

Two more teams—Bridge Capital and Caravan's—are also on the contenders list of the inaugural league. Gunners Ernest Duenas and Fred Pelisamen are teaming up for Bridge Capital, while Caravan's will have the core of the team that recently ruled the Civic Center caging, led by Ken Viray and Prince Factor.

Meanwhile, the league will have its opening ceremony at 5:30pm and Atkins Kroll will have giveaways for spectators.

"This league is a great way to bring back regular tournaments on island after we were hit by Super Typhoon Yutu and slowly, we will try to go to the level where we could really compete with our off-island rivals," Rangamar said.

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Carol moves closer to finale

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The CNMI's Carol Lee is one step away from a return trip to the finals of the Oceania Closed Junior Championships after winning her quarterfinal game yesterday at the International Tennis Federation Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji.

The top-ranked Lee eked out a 6-4 victory over No. 5 seed Lara Walker of Australia in the first set and then cruised to a 6-0 triumph in the second for the sweep and a spot in the semifinal round.

In the battle for the finals

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Carol Lee is in the semifinals of the singles event of the 2019 Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Fiji.

Atkins Kroll vs The Game in opener

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Main sponsor Atkins Kroll will clash with The Game in the opening day of the Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League this Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Eight other squads are entered in the competition, which is sanctioned by the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation and is being groomed as the new premier men's league on island. Aqua Resort Club, IT&E, Saipan Vegas, Bridge Capital, Caravan's, TanHoldings, MSV, and Mystique Snacks & BBQ are the other teams vying for the championship in the inaugural league.

"We are pleased to be the lead sponsor of this league. We are also fielding a team so that makes us even more excited to get this league going," said Atkins Kroll vice president and general manager Clark Boswell during the league's press launch yesterday at AK's showroom in San Jose.

Boswell himself will suit up for the AK Wheelers, who also have Jeff Borja, Don Castillo, Rodney Catalla, George De Guzman, Vhoie Francia, Jonathan Guilas, Vince Igitol, Dior Jones, Keith Kintol, Jediael Manalo, Nelson Manangan, Lorenz Patola, Rayner Sekool, and Francis Sharry on their roster.

The Game, on the other hand, will be led by young guns Jun Fidelino, E.J. Abejo,

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Atkins Kroll vice president and general manager Clark Boswell, center, joins organizers and officials of the Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League during the competition's launching yesterday at AK Showroom in San Jose.

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Connie's BBQ's Darwin Barbo, second left, and Jay Cabang, right, challenge the shot of Pardz Ballers' Jun Hipolito during the second quarter of their game in the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League last Tuesday at the Civic Center Court in Susupe.

Tsingtao nips IT&E Dark; Connie's BBQ wins

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Tsingtao Beer nosed out IT&E Dark in overtime, while Connie's BBQ outclassed Pardz Ballers, as action in the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League continued last Tuesday at the Civic Center Court in Susupe.

Jet Jandoc made a basket in the closing seconds of the extension period to lift Tsingtao to a 74-72 victory in the curtain-raiser, while Connie's BBQ kept its unbeaten record following an 80-73 triumph over Pardz

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